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Ford staff are there to help Y Bont children

STAFF, children and families supported by Y Bont have said 'thank you' for their new sensory room, created by employees from Ford Motor Company, Bridgend's engine plant.

The new sensory room at Y Bont seems a world away from the room that the team from Ford saw when they first visited the family centre at Ewenny Road in Bridgend – it has been totally transformed!

The relationship between Y Bont and Ford first started when Y Bont applied to be Ford's charity of the year. When the Ford management arrived at Y Bont to



Y Bont's new sensory room.

deliver a runners-up cheque for the charity, they were surprised to learn that the playground team and children were regularly using a 6'6" x 9'6" space, with limited specialist sensory equipment, so the team were determined to

change things!

Ian Pearson, plant manager at Ford, said: "When I visited Y Bont the first time, I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, dedication and caring nature of the staff and by the wonderful work they are doing. "I knew immediately that there was more that we could do to help. The sensory room provided a perfect opportunity for our talented staff to work alongside the Y Bont team to create something wonderful for the children.

"I am delighted that the completed room is bringing a smile to the children and the staff; it certainly brought a smile to the Ford people who worked on the project."

Marged Griffiths, chief executive officer for Y Bont, said: "I am delighted to have forged such a wonderful working relationship with the team at Ford. Not only have they worked tirelessly to create a wonderfully spacious and comfortable sensory room that all the children attending Y Bont can benefit from, but they have been so responsive to our specific needs.

"Nothing has been too much trouble and the commitment shown by Anna Stevens, Neil O'Connor, Clive Williams, Shay Taylor and Greg Phillips has been invaluable. The team even exceeded their original goal and helped to create a more professional and user-friendly kitchen – we are so grateful.

"Without the help from Ford, Y Bont's dream of having such a wonderful room would have

remained just that. Y Bont would not have the resources to have done this without Ford and we are incredibly grateful."

Marged continued: "We also had some other contributors we would like to thank, namely Carpet Right from the Waterton Industrial Estate, for the donation of the thick pile carpet and also to Rebecca Bland – a parent and fantastic fundraiser, who has raised funds to purchase several new items of equipment for the room.

"We are incredibly thankful to those who have supported Y Bont in the past and continue to support us with donations and fundraising activities."

'We're going back to the 80s!'



One of the highlights of last term at Pencoed Comprehensive School was a show, 'Back to the 80s' performed by pupils from the school's feeder primary schools. They were coached and helped by members of the comprehensive's drama club. For a look back at last term in Pencoed, go to pages 4 and 5.

Legion concert for Poppy Appeal

THE Porthcawl Royal British Legion is holding a 'Poppy Concert' at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, at 7pm on Saturday, April 23.

Performing will be the Porthcawl Male Choir, the Sounds Familiar mixed choir, and three local soloists.

Tickets are £5, and available from Ray Street, secretary, Porthcawl RBL on 01656 771214; Vicki Lloyd, 01656 731156; and on the door from 6.30pm.

Ray said: "Please make an effort to attend for a wonderful evening's entertainment and to support a very worthy cause."

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'Criticism of The GEM was not justified'

WHAT an outcry about political bias shown by The GEM (Letters, April 7). Was it justified? Not at all.

The GEM is a free newspaper packed with advertisements and the 'wrap-around' was clearly marked as an advertisement – presumably paid for by the Conservatives.

Labour and other councillors get paid enough to put in their own advertisements, should they want to. The GEM would not

reject them on political grounds. Jane Hutt and Coun Moore have plenty of coverage in The GEM.

I look forward to reading our excellent GEM each week – free from the political bias of the Daily Mirror or Daily Express.

The only letter that I agree with was Stevie Reed's. I too, am "none the wiser as to Ross England's credentials to be an Assembly Member".

Mr DC Mitchell, Rhoose.

Tata: 'Support is needed'

CONSIDERING a substantial number of Mrs Moon's Bridgend constituents work at the Tata steelworks at Port Talbot, she has been conspicuous by her absence from the international concerns over the future of their jobs.

Any future changes at Tata steel in the UK may well have serious implications for pensions paid to retired former workers.

Stephen Kinnock, MP for Aberavon, is making a valiant effort to support the campaign to save steel-making in the UK.

A bit of support from his elected parliamentary Labour Party colleagues from adjoining constituencies would no doubt be appreciated by all concerned.

Avril M Lake, Porthcawl.

How Maesteg residents can save on energy bills

MAESTEG residents will be able to save money on their energy bills with help from the Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest team, which will be at Hartshorn House Health and Wellbeing Centre in the town on April 19 to help people who are struggling with their energy bills.

For an appointment, contact Rhian Liddiard on 07920 594 616.

People who receive a means tested benefit and live in a home that is hard to heat may also be eligible for free home improvements from the Welsh Government.

Government. These may include a replacement boiler, central heating system or insulation.

Lee Parry, Head of Nest, said: "It offers a wide range of support to help people who are struggling to heat their homes, and who worry about their energy bills."

"Over 17,700 households across Wales have received free home improvements from Nest over the last four years," he reported.

Nest can be contacted on Freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit www.nestwales.org.uk for advice on reducing energy bills and to find out if you qualify for a package of Welsh Government-funded home energy improvements.

Maesteg pupils take part in 'National Enterprise Troopers' competition



FOUNDATION phase pupils from St Mary's and St Patrick's RC Primary School, Maesteg took part in the 'National Enterprise Troopers' competition where their business skills were put to the test.

Students created a book, with the help of their teachers Miss Thomas and Ms McCarthy, based on the Christmas Story 'Three Wise Women' by Mary Hoffman.

Members of the year-2 class were involved in every aspect of the book's production, from working closely with the printers, to saving the money in the credit union to selling the book to parishioners at the local church.

Four children: Leah Jordan, Maizee Griffiths, Jonah Kelly-Fisher and Iona Davies (pictured) represented the school at the competition, held this year at The Orangery, Margam Park.

Pupils faced the task of explaining the business to the judges – business people from across south Wales – who then decided the winners. Voted the overall runners-up in the foundation phase competition, pupils reported a fantastic day and an amazing experience was had by all.

Lottery advice for local groups

THE development officer at the Heritage Lottery Fund, Julie Hughes, will be at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) in Maesteg on Friday, May 13 for pre-booked one-to-one meetings with voluntary groups and organisations.

The Heritage Lottery Fund knows that some community and voluntary groups are nervous of filling in grant application forms. This is why they offer a one-to-one advice service where you can meet officers and talk through your project and the

process of applying for a grant.

They fund heritage projects but that doesn't just mean old buildings.

It can also include history and heritage reflected through communities, people's memories and stories and working with young people to explore ideas of identity and place.

Bridgend county borough is a priority development area for the Heritage Lottery Fund. This means that the fund is keen to receive more grant applications from the area and help create opportunities for new heritage projects.

If you would like to book a meeting, contact the development team on 02920 343413 by Thursday, May 5.

Pupils' visit to school of medicine

TWO year-10 students from St Clare's, Porthcawl – Kate Layland and Bethan Williams – have just returned from a work experience day at Swansea University School of Medicine, an event aimed to get young people interested in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Prof George Johnson from the Genetics Teaching Board told the headmaster: "It was a pleasure for me and my colleagues to work with your excellent teenagers. They showed a lot of enthusiasm and understanding today, and I think that if they pursued careers in science, then they would all do very well."

The students spent an afternoon shadowing a biomedical researcher in

the Institute of Life Science. The research involves the development of bacterially-mediated gene-silencing tools to prevent disease transmission by insects.

The girls were given an introduction to the research project, and then shown some of the equipment and facilities used in the project, including live parasite cultures through the microscope.

They also handled the experimental insects and watched as they were fed. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their day and had plenty of opportunity to ask questions and discuss their ideas about university, science and their ambitions.

The scientist Dr Miranda Whitten, who took the students in the afternoon, also did some parasitology with them. To read more about Dr Whitten's recent work go to www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-35631355.

A warm Welsh welcome at the Tabernacle

ON behalf of the minister and members of Capel y Tabernacle (Tabernacle Chapel) Fenton Place, Porthcawl, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all Welsh speakers and Welsh learners to our Sunday service at 10.30am in the chapel in Fenton Place.

English synopsis of the sermons is prepared by our minister, Rev Rosan Saunders, in order to help those learning the Welsh language.

Also during the morning service, children are welcome to join us, so that they can learn

more about the Bible through the medium of Welsh. This is also an excellent opportunity for children to use the language outside the school environment.

On the first Saturday of each month, we organise a Welsh learners' coffee morning in the hall, between 10.30am and 12 noon. Come and join us so that you can practice speaking Welsh in an informal friendly environment!

Our hall is used every weekday morning by Ysgol Feithrin, a Welsh medium pre-school play group. If you are interested in finding out more about the Ysgol Feithrin, you are welcome to call in the hall between 9.30am and 12 noon any weekday.

There is also the opportunity for other organisations to take advantage of our hall, which is ideal for meetings, choir practices, discussion groups etc. The hall also has disabled facilities.

Although the weekday mornings are taken up by the Ysgol Feithrin, most afternoons are available for hire, as are several weekday evenings and weekends.

For more information on the availability of the hall, contact me on 01656 742768.

Estynnwn groeso cynnes i oedolion, pobl ifanc a phlant, yn Gymry Cymraeg newt ddysgwyr, i'n gwasanaethau am 10.30 bob bore Sul.

TOM PRICE, SECRETARY.

CANDIDATES CONFIRMED AHEAD OF MAY 5 ELECTION

THE Bridgend and Ogmore candidates have been confirmed for the National Assembly for Wales elections which will be held on Thursday, May 5.

For the Bridgend constituency, the following candidates are standing:

Charlie Barlow (Wales Green Party); George Jabbour (Welsh Conservative Party); Caroline Jones (UKIP Wales); Carwyn Jones (Welsh Labour); Jonathan Pratt (Welsh Liberal Democrats); James Radcliffe (Plaid Cymru).

For the Ogmore constituency, the following candidates are standing:

Laurie Brophy (Wales Green Party); Anita Davies (Welsh Liberal Democrats); Huw Iwan Davies (Welsh Labour); Elizabeth Kendall (UKIP Wales); Tim Thomas (Plaid Cymru); Jamie Wallis (Welsh Conservative Party).

Full details of all candidates standing on the regional list can be found at www.bridgend.gov.uk, along with information about the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Wales Police Area, which will also be held on May 5.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur			12.40	8.1
15 Fri	01.09	7.9	13.57	7.7
16 Sat	02.33	7.7	15.15	7.6
17 Sun	03.56	7.9	16.32	8.0
18 Mon	04.58	8.4	17.22	8.5
19 Tues	05.46	8.8	18.08	8.9
20 Wed	06.26	9.2	18.47	9.2
21 Thur	06.59	9.3	19.19	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Revolutionary cancer therapy has treated its 1,000th patient

A revolutionary cancer therapy introduced at Singleton Hospital in 2012, has treated its 1,000th patient a year earlier than expected.

Lyn Richards has started a course of treatment at the South West Wales Cancer Centre in the Swansea hospital, using an advanced Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) technique.

This offers many benefits over conventional radiotherapy by targeting radiation more closely to the cancer, reducing the damage to surrounding healthy tissues.

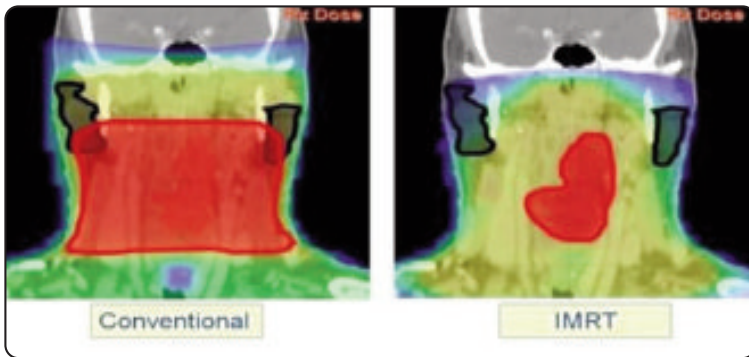
As a result, patients can have an improved quality of life after radiotherapy, with fewer long-term side effects and hopefully a significantly improved chance of being cured.

The centre treats patients from across south west Wales, from Bridgend in the east all the way through Swansea to Carmarthen – and as far north as Aberystwyth.

Clinical lead for oncology, Dr Delia Pudney said: "IMRT is to radiotherapy what the smart phone is to the mobile phone. When patients from south west Wales need it, they have access to a high quality modern radiotherapy technique."

"We know this is improving their experience of radiotherapy, both at the time they are being treated and many years later."

IMRT involves powerful computers calculating up to 70



This graphic illustrates how much more focused IMRT is in targeting head and neck cancer – the red areas indicate the spread of the radiotherapy dose.

individual beams of radiotherapy that combine to target a high dose at the tumour while sparing normal tissues close by.

It was very difficult to do this with older conventional radiotherapy, which often left patients with significant long-term side effects.

Mr Richards, who is aged 68, began an intensive four-week course of IMRT to treat his prostate cancer. However, the technique can be used effectively on a range of other cancers.

For example, a major UK trial found the number of head and neck cancer patients experiencing severe dry mouth two years after radiotherapy fell from 83 per cent with conventional techniques to 29 per cent with IMRT.

Other cancers that can be treated using this technique include gynaecological, oesophageal, brain and anal cancer.

Director of Medical

Physics and Clinical Engineering at Singleton, Dr Simon Ryde, said the implementation of IMRT had been a significant but demanding development because of the complexity of the technique. He added: "However, the implementation team has risen to the challenge and we can now offer the benefits of IMRT to several hundred patients a year and treat a range of different cancers."

"The multidisciplinary team responsible is to be congratulated on this excellent development," he said.

"Of course, there is always more to do and we anticipate replacing some of our older therapy equipment over the next three years to enable further advancements to be made."



Singleton radiotherapy services manager Maureen Noonan, patient Lyn Richards, superintendent radiographer Lynne Vaughan and lead clinical scientist Ryan Lewis.

Pencoe duo Tories' choice

P E N C O E D Conservatives Jamie Wallis and Alex Williams will fight the Ogmore double election on May 5 – Jamie as the Assembly candidate and Alex in the Parliamentary by-election caused by the resignation of Huw Irranca-Davies (Labour).

After attending Brynteg Comprehensive, Jamie won a place at Bridgend and also sits on chemistry and has a

doctorate in astrophysics. He works in the family business at Pencoe.

After attending Pencoe Comprehensive, Alex studied politics at Bath University and also did a post graduate qualification in politics in France and America.

He is political advisor to the Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs at the Welsh Assembly. He stood in the last Assembly elections against Carwyn Jones AM in Bridgend and also sits on Pencoe Town Council.

Recycling centres' summer hours

IF you're having a spring clean ready for a trip to the 'tip', please note that Bridgend County Borough Council's household recycling centres in Tythegston, Brynmenyn and the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate in Maesteg have now reverted to their summer opening hours, which means that they are open 8:30am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 8:30am – 6pm on weekends.

A spokesman added: "Please note that the access gates will shut 10 minutes before closing time. To find out more, please visit the recycling pages at www.bridgend.gov.uk."

Mayor joins the 'walking dead' for the Cardiff Zombie Walk!

THE Mayor of Bridgend county borough has given his backing to a 180-mile charity expedition being made next month by the organiser of the Cardiff Zombie Walk.



The Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Richard Young, with Zombie Walk organiser Dom Spens and Tracy Morgan.

Dom Spens will be part of a small group of adventurers walking from Dublin to Belfast, and on to Edinburgh, as he attempts to raise funds for the Wales Air Ambulance and The Epilepsy Society. The expedition will start in Dublin on May 25 and will end in Edinburgh on June 1.

Each year, Dom organises the Cardiff Zombie Walk – a fun event, in which all ages dress up as the living dead for a walk around the capital. Although he won't be in zombie costume for the charity expedition, a previous Zombie Walk will be in his thoughts.

He explained: "In 2014, one of our Zombie

Walk marshals Tracy fell off a small cliff at our event and caused quite a stir by scaring some of the paramedics with her zombie make-up!

"Thanks to the Wales Air Ambulance, Tracy was fine and still marshals for us today, but we would like to raise some money for them as a way of saying thanks."

"The second charity we have chosen is The Epilepsy Society as a close friend recently died due to SUDEP (Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy), so we are

hoping to raise as much as possible for both charities." Coun Richard Young, Mayor of Bridgend county borough, said: "I'd like to wish Dom and his fellow walkers every success with their charity expedition. These are two extremely worthwhile causes and I am delighted to offer my support."

To find out more about the charity expedition and the zombie walk event, search for 'Cardiff Zombie Walk' on Facebook.

New path gives improved access at Newbridge Fields

A NEW path has been installed around the edge of Newbridge Fields in Bridgend so that even more visitors can enjoy the fields when using a wheelchair or pushchair.

The tarmac path that runs from the Bridgend Life Centre to the cricket pavilion has now been extended further so that it joins up with the lane that runs from Bowham Avenue to the fields.

Coun Hywel Williams of Bridgend County Borough Council said: "This new path opens up the access to one of our local beauty spots to even more wheelchair users and also will be particularly valuable to dog walkers and other park users during wet weather."



The new path at Newbridge Fields.

Fairtrade open evening

THE Bridgend Fairtrade Partnership is holding an open evening on Friday, April 22 at 7pm in The Green Room (above Sussed, 4/5 James Street, Porthcawl).

The guest speaker will be Elen Jones, the national coordinator for Fairtrade Wales.

The evening will include presentations, a discussion and a Fairtrade buffet.

Sussed will also be offering a 10 per cent reduction on fairly traded goods; for more details, call 01656 783962; www.sustainablewales.org.uk/events



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News from Pencoed Comprehensive



Year-10 students
with Mrs Smith.

English

THE English department has had a busy term. A number of year-8 students took part in the gothic writing competition hosted by Young Writers, with a number of them having been published in a book which can be ordered by parents.

The English department are really proud of those who entered the competition as it is a great achievement for our pupils. There will be lots of competitions coming up for pupils in KS3 from the English department.

Organised by Miss Torpey, for World Book Day all of the English

department got involved and dressed up as their favourite fictional characters. Pupils from KS3 took part in enjoyable activities such as bookmark making, a quiz and a guessing game based on the teachers' costumes.

Prizes were given to those who won the activities and put the best effort into their own costumes. The winners were Ewan Lent, Kane Yates, Demi-Less Butler, Morgan Griffiths and Amber O'Neill.

STAR readers STUDENTS have continued to make fantastic progress in STAR reader, and since September have read 3,372 books, which equates to

51,685,906 words!

Years 7, 8 and 9 have all been reading furiously, and we were pleased to award STAR Readers of the Month this term to Freya Arnot and Ewen Harris, and, of year-7, Macey Jenkins and Dewi Svenson of year-8. Competition between Morgan Griffiths and William Davies of year-9 has been fierce all year, and so far they each have three STAR Reader of the Month awards to their names!

We were also proud to induct Ellie Hancock into 'Millionaire's Row', as she has read 1,096,139 words since September. Each of our STAR Readers of the Month and Word Millionaires have earned extra points for their houses, along with the points gained by all pupils who pass their quizzes.

Though Branwen started the academic year as underdogs, they are swiftly gaining on the other houses. Could next term see them triumph over Gwenllian, who have dominated so far?

Geography Eco Team

PENCOED Comprehensive's eco team continue to take part in the Schools for Resilience Europe-wide project, in partnership with the Field Studies Council.

The project encourages schools to work in collaboration with their local community to improve an aspect of their environment. The eco team selected 'waste' and planned and implemented a clean up of the River Ewenny that flows alongside the school grounds. Local MP Huw Irranca Davies showed his support for the project, along with the deputy manager of Pencoed Cooperative and a colleague. Parents and grandparents of the students and other interested locals turned up to muck in.

The team removed 15 green bags of waste over the three hour period.



Year-9 girls with their
Sky Sports mentors.



Year-10 rugby leaders
with Dean Ronan.

Mr Pownall has expressed his delight in how enthusiastic both students and locals were in getting the job done. He hopes that this will trigger future joint ventures.

Over February half term the geography department took off on their second tour of Iceland in February.

Twenty-nine students in year groups 9 to 13 travelled with Mr Pownall, Mrs Davies and Mrs Jones in search of whales, glaciers and the Northern Lights – unfortunately, they didn't see any of these: snow storms and high winds saw to that!

However, they did visit the frozen Gullfoss Falls, geyser, geothermal power stations, explosion craters and the Blue Lagoon. They ascended the Perlan restaurant in Reykjavik for 360-degree views and experienced some 'cold' yet 'warm' Icelandic hospitality. The department is already planning the next excursion!

Inspirational events

International Women's Day: Cerys Johnson and Neve Bartle (years 10 and 11 respectively) recently spent a day with Mrs Pope at the National Assembly for Wales celebrating International Women's Day.

As well as attending workshops they enjoyed highly inspiring presentations from

women role models, including Dame Rosemary Butler (National Assembly) and Lydia Lewis (United Nations, Oxford University).

University

Inspiration Day: A number of pupils in key stages 4 and 5 have visited various universities recently. One of the highlights was a year-11 visit to Cardiff Metropolitan University as part of the higher education roadshow.

Pupils took part in workshops from both Cardiff University and Cardiff Met in areas such as medicine, dentistry, performing arts, journalism, healthcare, law... to name but a few! They had a look at what university life is like and what happens in lectures.

Congratulations to Caitlin Sweet who won first prize in the competition while there, and also to Hannah Martin and Jenna Dyckhoff who were invited to lead the warm up. We had a great day and many came back to Pencoed inspired to apply to university after sixth form.

Also, during the last term our 'more able' pupils have had a number of opportunities to attend different events and activities at school as well as outside.

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and Dan
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English department staff in World Book Day spirit!



Year-11 pupils at Cardiff Metropolitan University.



The Eco Team with their helpers, including Huw Irranca-Davies.

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The workshops/masterclasses have included: coding workshops for years 7, 8 and 9 (provided by Ford); modern foreign language postgraduate students (links with Cardiff University); Engineering Challenge (provided by EESW); Formula 1 in Schools; girls' engineering project (provided by Ford); neuroscience lectures (provided by Cardiff University); history and archaeology workshops (Cardiff University); English department More Able Reading Club; Stars As Black Bodies lecture (Cardiff University); Scales of the Universe and cosmology (Cardiff University); STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) club.

Sports news
AS part of the on-going Sky Sports mentoring programme, towards the end of last term members of the team worked with year-9 girls to try and motivate and encourage physical activity.

The girls were outstanding over the two days and Christian Roberts (ex-pro footballer) couldn't thank them enough as he thoroughly enjoyed it at Pencoed.

Rugby
DEAN Ronan joined us as rugby development officer around 18 months ago, with a remit to develop an interest in rugby among boys and girls, to develop senior rugby and generally to increase pupil participation in sport.

Working closely with the PE department Dean has proved very successful in this role.

So far this year almost 80 games have been played in fixtures and festivals across the Ospreys region and national Cup competitions, rugby sessions have been delivered in our cluster primary schools to over 300 boys and girls in year-5 and 6, and we have hosted numerous

festivals and lifestyle.

Recently introduced is 'Glow in The Dark Zumba' - highly popular, as you can imagine! Also, pupils and staff alike are really looking forward to using the new all-weather pitch, facilitated through the excellent work of Andrew Thomas, group manager of BCBC's sport, play and active wellbeing department.

Congratulations to all those who represent the school and local clubs; and a special mention to those pupils at regional as well as national level in a whole variety of sports, including: Joseph Owen and Sam Costelow (Ospreys' under-16 squad), Megan Griffiths (Ospreys' girls' under-18 squad), Josh Sands (east Wales rugby league squad), Ben Salkeld (Swansea City football development under-13s), Elliot Rees (Glamorgan Cricket senior training squad), Jack Hayes (Mid Glamorgan cricket squad), Ellie Rees (Welsh netball training hub), Jevan and Nathan King (UKDC European dance championship winners), and Isabelle Bushrod (British canoe slalom team).

A full list of our pupils' sporting achievements is included in our prize evening brochure.

With the summer term, of course, the exam season also comes along. We wish everyone the best of luck!

LH

Barry man who fired catapult at dogs Coco and Alfie fined £500

A MAN has been fined £500 after he was caught on CCTV firing at two dogs with a catapult.

Stephen Charles Hammond (60) of Picketston Lane, Picketston, Barry, appeared at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, April 5 at 10am and pleaded guilty to one animal welfare offence.

The court heard that Hammond entered a Picketston Lane garden last September and fired a catapult at a tan and white Jack Russell terrier, called Coco, and a tri coloured Jack Russell terrier, called Alfie.

RSPCA inspector Simon Evans said: "Luckily, there were no injuries to the dogs, but there was certainly intent here to injure, even though they weren't physically harmed."

"The footage is shocking, to see someone just fire at these dogs with a catapult, who from the footage look understandably frightened."

Magistrates fined Hammond £500 and he was ordered to pay £300 court costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

Optician's staff raise funds for Sport Relief

SPECSAVERS staff in Bridgend got into the competitive spirit with a Sport Relief 'bake-off', asking customers to donate to the charity while they visited the store, which raised £116.

Ann Simpkin, director at Specsavers in Bridgend, said: "As a community optician, we always strive to support causes that positively affect local people, as well as those further afield."

"In the last two years, Sport Relief has helped to enable more than 189,000 children to attend school, and more than 734,000 young people to be given life-saving vaccines; it really is doing vital work in communities across the UK and abroad."

"I'd like to thank our staff and

customers for their contributions, without which we wouldn't have been able to support and donate to this humbling cause."

Sport Relief was started by the group behind Comic Relief in 1985, and has helped thousands of people across Britain and beyond. Of the money raised by the public, 50 per cent is used to make a difference in the UK, and the other 50 per cent is used to transform lives in some of the world's poorest communities.

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PORTHCAWL IN THE YEAR 1916 – THE EASTER RISING BRINGS AN ENTIRELY NEW CONFLICT



Porthcawl News April 1916

APRIL 1916 began with a thaw following the March blizzards, and would end with the Easter Rising in Ireland and the fall of Kut-al-Almara to Turkish Forces.

In Porthcawl, a tribunal panel considered more applications for military exemption: an interesting one involved Mr HB Comley who appealed on behalf of his son, stating that a woman could not take his son's place in the family bakery as the work was too heavy and too technical – 'involving as it did an intimate knowledge of complicated machinery.' (*Porthcawl News* April 7, 1916.) The appeal was dismissed.

The attention of the Porthcawl Urban District Council was drawn to the fact 'that no proper path had been provided for the residents on the eastern side of the town who use the Railway Station.' (*Porthcawl News* April 21, 1916.)

Once again, the lack of men was referred to as one of the reasons for the work not being done. It was: "impossible to get more horses or more men" (*Porthcawl News* April 21, 1916). Conscription, plus the natural effect of the global conflict was increasingly affecting life on the home front.

On Easter Sunday, Porthcawlians who attended church services would have been totally unaware

of events that would unfold in Ireland the following day: the 'Easter Rising' in Ireland which was to last six days, began on Monday, April 24. Fuelled by the granting of Irish Home Rule being delayed yet again due to the war, insurgents took to the streets, primarily in Dublin when 1,600 Irish Nationalists led by Patrick Pearse and James Connolly took over the GPO in Sackville Street (O'Connell Street today) and proclaimed an Irish republic.

At the time, 4,000 British soldiers were stationed in eight barracks positioned in different parts of Dublin. One of the barracks was the Marlborough barracks, north-west of Dublin centre, which was where a unit of the Glamorgan Yeomanry was based as part of the 3/1st Welsh Horse Regiment, assigned to the 6th Cavalry Reserve Brigade.

Two Porthcawlians were stationed here – Sergeant Thomas David and Corporal Harry Batters. Some years before the war, both men had joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry Territorial Force.

Thomas David, born April 4, 1880, Bridgend House, Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl, was one of the first local men to join the Glamorgan Yeomanry (Bridgend Squadron) in 1908.

Although his term of service had expired, he enlisted on the outbreak of the First World War. In December 1915, having been transferred to the 6th Cavalry Reserve Regiment, he was posted to Ireland to help contain the Sinn Féin rebellion which led to the Easter Rising of 1916.

Tom arrived home from Ireland on December 22, 1916 hoping to spend Christmas at home, but on the following morning he received a wire instructing him to proceed immediately with the Welsh Regiment to Southampton for embarkation to France.

On December 31, 1917 having endured many hardships in battle, Tom arrived home. He was gassed early in the year and had spent time in hospital. Despite ill-health, Tom continued to contribute to life in Porthcawl.

Many ex-servicemen's clubs and organisations were opened after the war was over. In Porthcawl, the club called 'The Comrades of the Great War' was formally opened in March 1919, on Esplanade Terrace. Tom David became its first secretary.

Within a couple of years, such clubs became part of the newly created British Legion organisation formed in 1921. Porthcawl's branch of the British Legion was officially formed on January 24, 1924 and met at the YMCA, John Street. November 1924 was Porthcawl's first Poppy Day.

Tom remained chairman of the Porthcawl British Legion from 1927, up to his death on February 22, 1936, aged 56. His death certificate referred to the effects of gas from his time in the Great War, as a cause of death.

Corporal Henry (Harry) James Batters arrived in Porthcawl in 1908 from Kingston-upon-Thames, where he had been born in 1884. Lodging at 7, Railway Terrace (Hillsboro Place today) in 1911, he married Evelyn Rowe who had lived at 11, Railway Terrace.

Married life was spent at 4, Railway Terrace where they had 14 children, two dying in infancy. Having joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry, Harry was posted to Ireland in 1916. On his return home later in the year, he transferred to the Royal Horse Artillery.

Unfortunately, during training in Salisbury Plain, Harry was involved in an accident when a field gun ran over his leg, which left him with a limp for the rest of his life. As a result, he was eventually discharged from the army in 1919.

Between the wars, Harry worked on the building of the Grand Pavilion, was a mechanic for Pines Airways and, eventually, an electrician at the Grand Pavilion. Harry Batters died in 1948 aged 63 years.

On April 29, the withdrawal of British and Indian troops from Kut-al-Almara on the Mesopotamian front ended an intense period of

attrition and sacrifice. After the failure of the Gallipoli campaign, the war cabinet needed a success story.

The decision was taken to capture Baghdad in order to maintain the Royal Navy's oil supply in the region. On November 22, 1915 General Charles Vere Ferrers Townshend and his force of about 9,000 men of the 6th Indian division were advancing on Baghdad by boat along the Tigris, when at Ctesiphon, about 20 miles short of the capital, the Indian and British troops came up against a larger, better armed and supplied Turkish force.

Unable to withstand a counter-attack, Townshend retreated back down the Tigris with 1,600 Turkish prisoners and more than 4,500 wounded and made his stand at Kut, a strategic river junction he had captured a month previously.

From December 1915, the Turkish forces laid siege to the town. In early April, No 30 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps carried out the first air supply operation in history. Food and ammunition were dropped to the defenders of Kut, but much of it did not reach its destination.

Exhausted, undersupplied, and plagued with illness, Townshend's men were on the brink of surrender when the British regional command decided to try one last diplomatic manoeuvre.

On April 27 a man working in intelligence in Cairo was chosen, along with two other officers, to negotiate the release of Townshend and his troops. His name was Thomas Edward Lawrence. The negotiation failed.

On April 29 Kut fell, and Townshend and his 13,000 men were taken prisoner. TE Lawrence was later to be sent to help organise an Arab revolt against the Turks. History would remember him as 'Lawrence of Arabia.'

Finally, men of the 23rd (Pioneer) Battalion, Welsh Regiment, were soon to leave Porthcawl for further training. Prior to his leaving, on Sunday, April 2 Private Goddard escaped death in Taibach, while returning to Porthcawl on his bicycle. His handlebars locked and he dashed into a milk cart. Private Goddard was thrown under the cart, with one of the wheels passing over one of his arms.

PS Bryce, Taibach, asked him if he was all right. The reply came: "I am all right. This is nothing to what we shall get later on. The only thing that troubles me is that I shall have to walk to Porthcawl." (*Porthcawl News* April 7, 1916)

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Claire's marathon for 'Home Start'



Claire at the 'Invincible' challenge at Margam Park.

LOTS of people aspire to run the London Marathon, just like many feel they could write a book – but few ever actually do.

Porthcawl mum Claire Pownall, whose only claim to sporting fame was winning the 'horse and jockey' race in primary school (she was the jockey on a fellow pupil's back!) will be running in the London Marathon at the end of this month.

Claire only took up running about a year ago, but has been training hard for the challenge of a marathon and is determined to finish.

She will be running for the Bridgend branch of Home Start, the charity that supports young families dealing with the challenges of life and helps build

better lives for children.

She is a volunteer with Home Start and has to raise £1,000 for the charity, a condition of taking one of the charity places in the London Marathon.

She's already exceeded the target... generous individuals have given freely; friends from the gym at the Porthcawl Health and Fitness Club attended a 'Dancefit' evening; and the afternoon tea at her parents' house raised an amazing £680.

Claire will be one of the many thousands of runners on the streets of London on April 24 and for many, just like her, it will be the physical challenge of a lifetime.

You can read Claire's blog at claireirunner.wordpress.com/. If you'd like to sponsor her, donate at virginmoneygiving.com.

Local young people perform with Stagecoach in Cardiff

TALENTED young performers from Stagecoach Bridgend and Cowbridge took to the stage of St David's Hall in Cardiff last weekend, wowing the packed auditorium in a musical extravaganza.

The show *Stagecoach Live in Cardiff* on Sunday, April 10 featured performances by students from 13 Stagecoach schools from across Wales, Devon and Cornwall.

The talented students from Stagecoach Bridgend and Cowbridge had rehearsed hard for the event, and impressed the crowd with a wonderful performance from *Into The Woods* and a terrific show-stopping performance of 'Singing in the Rain'.

Stagecoach principal, Helene Reynolds said: "It was lovely to bring so many Stagecoach schools and students together for this regional event. "St David's Hall is a great venue, and our students were very excited by the opportunity to perform on this stage to a large audience. "Their performances were exceptional, and I was really proud of them for working so hard during the rehearsal process and performing so well on the night. I know friends and family in the audience were thrilled to see the students on stage and impressed by the show."

Stagecoach Theatre Arts Bridgend and Cowbridge is part of a network of more than 600 part-time theatre arts schools worldwide. Early Stages classes are available for children aged four to six, and Main Stages classes take place for six to 18 year olds.

For more information about Stagecoach Bridgend and Cowbridge visit their website at www.stagecoach.co.uk/bridgend or call 01446 772727.



Young Stagecoach performers on stage at St David's Hall.

Herbert R Thomas auction for 'Breast Cancer Care'

HERBERT R THOMAS (HRT) estate agents recently conducted an auction that raised over £5,000 for the charity Breast Cancer Care.

Andrew Thomas, director and auctioneer at Herbert R Thomas, conducted the auction at the event, which took place at the Wales Millennium Centre.

Over 420 people attended the event, which also included a dinner, silent auction and speeches from survivors who talked about their experiences in fighting cancer.

Players from the Welsh rugby team including Jamie Roberts, Dan Lydiate, Jonathan Davies and Rhys Priestland also took part in a special fashion show where they walked with cancer survivors.

The prizes included lunch with Welsh international Mike Phillips, a week-long holiday to Portugal, a luxury holiday to South Africa, and a box at the Principality Stadium for the Judgement Day rugby tournament.

Breast Cancer Care aims to provide information and offer emotional and practical support to people affected by breast cancer, and bring people affected

by breast cancer together. The charity campaigns for improvement in standards of support and care, and promotes the importance of early detection.

Andrew Thomas said: "I was delighted to have been asked to be involved with the Breast Cancer Care charity event. It's such a worthy charity and I am thrilled with the amount of money we raised at the auction."

"We highly value being part of the local community, and we know that the money will be going towards providing much needed support to people affected by breast cancer in south Wales."

Catherine Hooper of Breast Cancer Care said: "We were really pleased that Andrew was able to help us with the auction. It raised a fantastic amount of money and we are very grateful for the support from the HRT team."

It is the latest charity auction hosted by Andrew Thomas, after recently conducting an auction in London for Restart Africa, which raised over £40,000.

HRT supports many charities by sponsoring events such as Mair's Walk in Bridgend, which raises money for Velindre, and hosting MacMillan Coffee Mornings.

Planning applications in Bridgend

Mr Jonathan Sinclair – The Elms, West End Avenue, Nottage, Porthcawl – Removal of 13 conifers adjacent West End Avenue.

Mr Rod Daniels – 37 Parkfields, Pen-y-Fai – Minor pruning work along boundary to cut back overhanging branches.

Mr Andrew Minchinton – 24 Llys Briallen, Brackla – Reduce hedge line by six – eight ft.

Ms C Tuck – Garden of 67 Woodlands Avenue, Pencoe – New dwelling in garden of 67 Woodlands Avenue.

Mr B Robinson – Plot, rear of Y-Nythfa, The Common, Bryncoch, Bryncethin – Outline planning for one single storey dwelling.

Mr D Williams – 13 Bryndu Road, Kenfig Hill – Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling.

Coastal Housing Group – Land at the Rhiw multi-storey car park, Bridgend – Discharge of condition 6 of P/15/60/FUL.

Mr Neil Williams – 13 Talbot Street, Maesteg – Proposed change of windows to front of building on first and second floor. Windows UPVC white sash.

Mr S Middleton – Plot 10, land north of Abergarw Farm, Brynmynyn – Detached five bedroom dwelling.

Mr Nicholas Hegarty – 14 Dunraven Place, Bridgend – Internal refurbishment works.

Mr John Edwards – 39 Banc Gelli Las, Broadlands, Bridgend – Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension.

Mr Mark Brewer – 25 Picton Gardens, Bridgend – Convert and extend existing store room to family room.

Mr C Davis – 15 Rhodfar Coed, Cwmfelin, Maesteg – Single storey rear extension (revision of P/14/756/FUL).

Mr Robert Vicker – Land off Ffordd Leyshon, Bryncethin – Up to 16 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, access and associated works – affect footpath 3, St Bride's Minor.

Mr Robert Dygula – 2 Ashgrove, Bryntirion, Bridgend – Increase height of existing boundary wall from 800mm to 1800mm – timber panels on top of block wall.

Mr Richard Parrot – 161 West Road, Porthcawl – Remove existing conservatory and erect single storey rear and side extension.

Mr Andrew Pearce – 6 Swn Yr Adar, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend – Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey extension.

Mobile Broadband Network Ltd – Telecom site 72097 Bryntirion Hill, Bryntirion, Bridgend – Remove existing tower, install 15m high monopole and two equipment cabinets and associated works.

HD Ltd – Island Farm Institute of Sport, Island Farm, Bridgend – Approval of details for conditions 2, 10, 12, 15 and 16 of P/14/354/RES.

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Richard takes trophy in club's latest competition



Alan Thomas Competition presentation (Richard Craze on left).

PYLE & Porthcawl Photographic Society held its annual Alan Thomas Memorial Trophy competition on Thursday, April 7 at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel in Porthcawl.

The competition was for up to four monochrome images (prints or digital) from each entrant. The winner was the photographer with the highest aggregate score for their two top scoring images.

Les Loosemore judged the competition, and not only awarded the marks, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

It was a very good competition and the winner was Richard Craze with 39 points for his images 'Coastguard Doors' and 'The Big Top', or 'There is nothing like an individually tailored holiday', both of which scored 19 points.

Five photographers, David Jones with 'Looks Like Rain' and 'Summertime in Swanage'; Glyn Edmunds with 'A Stare from Jane' and 'Louise'; Jeff Evans with 'Rope by the Yard' and 'Lost in Time'; John Corcoran with 'Dungeness' and 'Eileen Donan Castle'; and Richard Jenkins with 'Help Me' and 'Mud Glorious Mud', shared second place with 36 points. Geoff Baker came third with 35 points for 'Rocks at Southerdown' and 'A Hard Place to Grow'.

Congratulations to Richard for winning the competition and a big thank you to all who participated, for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

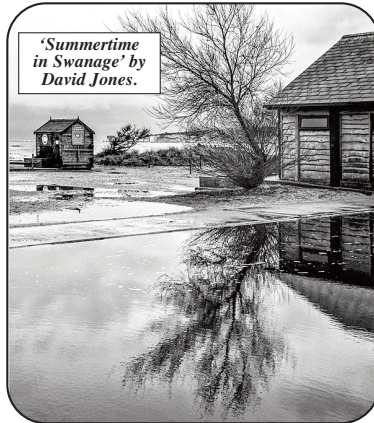
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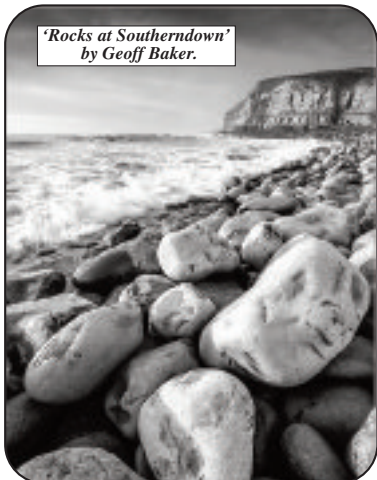
'There is nothing like an individually tailored holiday' by Richard Craze.



'Help Me' by Richard Jenkins.



'Summertime in Swanage' by David Jones.



'Rocks at Southerdown' by Geoff Baker.



'A Stare from Jane' by Glyn Edmunds.

Richard wins 'Vet of the Year' award

A BARRY vet, Richard Williams of the Vale Veterinary Centre, is celebrating after winning the Petplan 'Vet of the Year' award.

It is a terrific accolade for Richard, who opened the business on the Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, in December 2014.

The award ceremony took place last week in Birmingham and congratulatory messages have pouring into his Facebook page.

One typical comment from one of his clients on Facebook was: "Over the moon for you and your team. Congratulations Richard, well deserved. You have worked hard for my breeding cats and I would recommend you every day. I rave about you!"

On the page, Richard thanked the customers who had nominated him and said: "I feel so honoured and shocked to have won the Petplan 'Vet of the Year 2016'."

He told The GEM: "Enough votes were generated by my valued clients to place me as one of three possible winners of the award. There were over 10,000 vet nominations nationally."

"The judging panel of Senior BVA & Royal College of Veterinarians, along with other animal organisations, had a monumental task to choose an overall winner."

"When I was told that I had been chosen as one of three possible vets, Petplan came to my surgery to film me in action and interview me."

"The awards were held in Birmingham on April 7 at a 'black tie' evening, with all the senior veterinary bodies present."

"A short film was shown of each of the nominated vets, and the awards followed."

"I was shocked and surprised to hear



Richard Williams of the Vale Veterinary Centre with the award along with staff members Lorien and Emily.

my name called out and was then asked to go to the stage to receive my award and have photos taken.

"I am so grateful to Petplan and thank them for the way they looked after me and my wife Jo."

"All this would not have been possible without the 100 per cent support and patience of Jo, the hard-working nursing staff I have, family, friends and, of course, my clients."

Richard expanded his team recently and his success is down to lots of commitment

"I started my Vale Veterinary business in Barry over a year ago and I have gained a large client base, offering a seven day veterinary service with 24 hour emergency call out."

"I'd like to thank my clients for being loyal and entrusting their loved and cherished animals into my care."

"I recently welcomed a new member to the team, Lorien Waterer. Lorien is working alongside me as my new vet. I have known Lorien since university days and she also lives locally."

For more information on the Vale Vet Centre, call 01446 739739; or go to www.valevetcentre.co.uk

Lottery advice for local groups

THE development officer at the Heritage Lottery Fund, Julie Hughes, will be at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) in Maesteg on Friday, May 13 for pre-booked one-to-one meetings with voluntary groups and organisations.

The Heritage Lottery Fund knows that some community and voluntary groups are nervous of filling in grant application forms. This is why they offer a one-to-one advice service where you can meet officers and talk through your project and the process of applying for a grant.

They fund heritage projects but that doesn't just mean old buildings. It can also include history and heritage reflected through communities, people's memories and stories and working with young people to explore ideas of identity and place.

Bridgend county borough is a priority development area for the Heritage Lottery Fund. This means that the fund is keen to receive more grant applications from the area and help create opportunities for new heritage projects.

If you would like to book a meeting, contact the development team on 02920 343413 by Thursday, May 5.

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Artist in residence at Carnegie House Birthing Words

FROM May 24 – 27, Tracy Evans will be the 'artist in residence' in Bridgend's new arts centre, Carnegie House (the old library on Wyndham Street).

During her residency, Tracy hopes to speak to as many women as possible who have given birth in their lifetime.

She said: "I would like to hear from women who have given birth once, or 10 times, this month, or 20 years ago." She plans to create highly-charged, collective performance spaces.

"This isn't about performing in front of someone else," she says; "When a woman tells her birth story she is sharing some of her most intimate, vulnerable, life-changing experiences. During my residency, I want to find ways to create spaces in which women feel safe and empowered to share their stories."

Giving women a space to speak of these stories is what Tracy is passionate about. "Too often women feel like people don't want to listen to their birth stories. At least not more than once. At least not after a few weeks of giving birth."

"We are expected to 'get over it', 'move on', when we have been utterly transformed by this experience. I have spoken with some women who don't even get the time to think about their birth experiences afterwards; caught up in the hectic world of having a small baby to care for, sometimes nobody stops to ask, how was that experience for you?"

When asked what the residency will involve, Tracy says: "Although it is always great to hear women sharing

their stories in private conversation with me, during the residency I am really interested to see what would happen if I got 80 women together in the space in Carnegie House and they told their birth stories at the same time. What energy would that shared story-telling create?"

"I think it would be intense, but also hugely generative and healing. So I am going to try and get as many women together at the same time as possible to see how this works and take things from there."

Tracy has just completed her practice-as-research PhD in performance studies at Aberystwyth University, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which explores the ways that women 'perform' their birth stories, especially when there is a gap or rupture in it.

She explains: "This is usually caused when a woman experiences a trauma within the experience. My research asks, how can women tell their stories if there are no words to describe the experience?"

To find out more about events during the week, visit www.traceofthesea.com and www.carnegiehouse.co.uk.

Carnegie House is run by Bridgend Town Council on the site of the former town library. Bridgend Town Council relocated to the former public library building on Wyndham Street, Bridgend in January 2014.

The building was erected in 1907 with a grant of £2,000 from the Carnegie Trust and to pay tribute to the past, the building has been renamed Carnegie House/Ty Carnegie.

MAESTEG MUM OF THREE WHO BECAME TOP MANAGER THANKS TRAINING SUPPORT



ABOVE: Sian Penpraze with Tracey Wyllis and the manager of Serendipity, Steve Cosslett.

DESPITE already having a decade of experience working in the care sector, a Maesteg mother of three only reached her lifelong career ambitions when her new employers decided to invest in her skills, helping to unlock her true potential.

Tracey Wyllis, 38, has gone on to become the senior manager at one of Wales' largest care homes and domiciliary care providers, Serendipity, as a result of direct access to a number of training courses since first joining the company in 2012.

Recognising her hard work and dedication, Porthcawl-based Serendipity offered Tracey the chance to fulfil her managerial ambitions,

supporting her to complete a QCF level five in health and social care, which she achieved in an impressive 12 weeks – despite the course usually taking 18 months.

The mother of three was later funded to complete further management qualifications.

Now the registered manager of both Serendipity's care home and domiciliary arm, Tracey believes that she could not have achieved this without the training invested in her by her employers.

She said: "The training I have received has been invaluable. It's great to see that Serendipity saw something in me when I started and had the confidence to invest in my skills. I could not have got to where I am today without their support."

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D823.

● £2,000: 808151.

● The rollover, which now stands at £4,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 7 3 5 2 3 6, 478248, 651247, 899005, 346511, 460555, 537199, 286511, 629507, 450997, 694233, 118424, 556688, 877030, 832071, 747902, 712236, 968668, 000281, 000193.

● £5: 105699, 175951, 140607, 547653, 346980, 765530, 267634, 887723, 734229, 227780,

551765, 906929, 438873, 341793, 647084, 676382, 180366, 252014, 126106, 175568, 612174, 877778, 336948, 211741, 477862, 681691, 746720, 429241, 930982, 831980, 217845, 378182, 828512, 780500, 464999, 268544, 786492, 160779, 938691, 765462, 381076, 282716, 178502, 768634, 129024, 446419, 882233, 342105, 675406, 585849, 218875, 525833, 505671, 494121, 632190, 127380, 898643, 130412, 000709.

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Armed Forces charity and Relate Cymru in partnership

ROYAL NAVY and Royal Marines personnel and their families now have free access to a range of counselling services provided by Relate Cymru.

The new partnership between the charity and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC), aims to support families with their relationships, which often come under strain due to lifestyle pressures.

Deployment can present particular issues for relationships as families adjust to time apart. A recent study by Kings College London found that military spouses who coped well with separation and deployment might be at increased risk of relationship difficulties arising when their partner returns home. Commenting on the

new partnership, Relate Cymru's chief executive, Gwilym Roberts said: "We are pleased to be working with The Royal Navy and Royal Marines charity to offer our services to all former and serving personnel and their families. Any relationship, no matter how strong, is likely to face difficulties from time to time.

"For armed forces families, pressures which come with the lifestyle such as deployment and uncertainty can at times place added stress on relationships."

Any serving or former personnel or their families wishing to book a counselling or sex therapy session should ring the dedicated RNRMC phone line: 01302 380279, or visit www.relate.org.uk/royal-navy-and-royal-marines-counselling-for-more-information.

Barry student Tayla-Jade is new the face of recruitment campaign

AN engineering student from Barry is fronting an advertising campaign encouraging people to "beat the queues" and apply for courses at the Cardiff and Vale College in September.

Seventeen-year-old Tayla-Jade Gratton is part of the college's #morethanjustaclassroom campaign that highlights the college's state-of-the-art facilities and employability-focused approach to learning.

Tayla-Jade, who studies aircraft engineering at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT), based at Cardiff Airport, said: "CAVC is #morethanjustaclassroom to me because it allows you to actually work outside the



classroom and be more hands-on with what you're working with. "It's not like school, where you sit in different rooms for six

hours. Here you explore different ways to learn using different facilities and it's not tedious or boring. I love it!"

Other students taking part include A-Level student and Rugby Academy player 17-year-old Ben Thomas: "For me, CAVC is #morethanjustaclassroom because it provides an opportunity to combine high level rugby with my education. The CAVC Rugby Academy is an environment where we can better ourselves as rugby players and compete with the best colleges around," Ben said.

Type 2 diabetes: are you at risk?

URGE everyone across the Glamorgan GEM area to check their risk of Type 2 diabetes online by using Diabetes UK's Know Your Risk tool.

Recent findings show that men are 38 per cent less likely to check their risk of Type 2 than women; so while I recommend everyone does this, I am writing especially to urge all men in the area to go online and find out their risk.

We estimate there are around 59,000 people in Wales who have Type 2 diabetes but don't know it. Diagnosis can make all the difference, as it means people can start learning about their condition and how to manage it well, giving them the best chance to live a long healthy life and avoid complications.

The most important risk factor for developing Type 2 diabetes is being overweight or obese.

Knowledge is power and by knowing your risk, you can do something to reduce it through eating a healthy diet and taking regular

exercise. Other risk factors for Type 2 diabetes are ethnicity and family history – if you have a parent, child, brother or sister who has diabetes. You can find out your risk of Type 2 diabetes now by visiting the

Know Your Risk online tool – it's the first step to taking action on Type 2 diabetes. For information go to: 029 2066 8276 or wales@diabetes.org.uk. Dai Williams, (Director, Diabetes UK Cymru) Cardiff



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Summer fishing competition

A JUNIOR fishing competition organised by Ogmore Angling Association (OAA) will take place on Sunday, June 5 from 10am – 1pm.

It will be held at the dipping bridge, on the River Ogmore (near Ewenny) and is open to juniors (under 18 years old).

Non-OAA juniors can purchase a fishing permit on the day. There is an excellent prize list! Free refreshments for all on the day.

History Society

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be on April 18 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RF.

The speaker will be Mr Gavin Davies who will speak on the World War One Battle of Mametz Wood; doors open at 7pm, talk to start at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.



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Thrilled Mary has agreed to support gardens' scheme



Mary Berry with NGS chairman Martin McMillan, and NGS chief executive George Plumptre.

WE are thrilled to share the news that Mary Berry, a much loved national treasure, is our new president of the National Gardens Scheme. We have invited her for tea and are eagerly awaiting her reply!

In 2015, Glamorgan National Gardens Scheme had a record year, raising over £35,000, and having more than 5,500 visitors to our gardens. During the last 10 years we have raised over £250,000 for charity!

This is all thanks to our garden owners generously opening their gardens, as well as serving teas and cakes plus selling plants. We are always looking for new gardens to join our community.

To find out more, come and visit the National Gardens Scheme stand at the Cardiff RHS flower show, or visit www.ngs.org.uk.

In honour of our new president Mary Berry, Glamorgan National Gardens Scheme has already started planning and baking fantastic cakes in readiness for our openings, starting with Slade Garden in Southerdown, CF32 0RP, on April 23 and 24, 2pm til 5pm.

Sara Bentley,
Glamorgan National Gardens Scheme.

U3A studies history of Caerphilly Castle

SULLY U3A's local history group opened their summer programme of outside activities with a visit to Caerphilly Castle.

The castle was begun in 1268 by Gilbert de Clare and much of it was complete by the end of 1271. The castle and its luxurious accommodation had a varied history, before falling into decline in the late 15th century when the lakes were drained and stone walls robbed.

The Bute family acquired the site in the 18th century and extensive

restoration took place. In 1950, the castle and grounds were given to the state and the lakes were reflooded. The site, which is the largest castle in Wales, is now managed by Cadw.

Members are pictured by its famous 'leaning tower' which leans more than the famous tower at Pisa.

Local history is one of the many groups offered by Sully U3A. There is a general meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Old School, Sully, when new members are welcome to come along and see what U3A has to offer.

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RIGHT: Sully U3A's history group at Caerphilly Castle.



RSPCA Cymru asks people not to attend circus with animals

RSPCA Cymru is urging the people of south Wales to vote with their feet and give a circus with wild animals a miss.

It says the complex needs of wild animals can never be adequately met in a circus environment with regular transport, cramped and bare temporary housing, forced training and performances – all unavoidable realities for the animals.

A circus which uses wild animals is due to arrive in Sully this week. The RSPCA's senior

scientific officer, shared by a huge number of others in Wales.

“Last year the people of Wales cried out against the presence of wild animals in circuses and are certain to be sad to see them return this year.”

Injured swan at Dyffryn

LAST week's GEM carried an article about an injured swan that had been treated by the RSPCA, after a fish hook and fishing line became trapped around its leg.

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Photographer Martin is a man of letters

MARCH'S programme started with a visit from Martin Fry FRPS, EFIAP, EFIAP-AV, BPE4, APAGB, who showed a series of audio-visual presentations under the collective title 'Cotswold and Cornish Cream'.

Martin is a highly qualified and much published photographer whose work is widely known, and we were fortunate to be able to book him for the evening.

Starting with a collection of landscapes of the Gloucester area, Martin carried on through a series of images of the Severn Bore that he has taken over the years and throughout the presentation provided a detailed commentary.

Following that we saw a series of images of the Cornish coast and countryside including a detailed section on the now-defunct tin mining industry.

NEWS FROM THE BARRY CAMERA CLUB

Further shows saw reports on the annual steam fair honouring Richard Trevithick, the development of the community centre at Horsley Village, the home and work of Barbara Hepworth.

The final presentation, returning to Gloucestershire, was a short history of the village and valley of Slad, concentrating on the life and works of Laurie Lee. Of particular note was the music used for these presentations which in such presentations can often be the 'poor relation' to the images.

However, Martin had made very careful selections, including some original work which complemented the photography perfectly. In all, this was one of the best AV presentations we have ever had and we look forward to Martin returning next year.

The following week we had an in-club 'silent auction' night where members made secret, written bids for items put up for sale by other members. This was a novel and most interesting evening where some members got a bargain or two, some members took the opportunity to clear out some unwanted equipment and the club made a little money in commission.

On the evening of March 18, we were visited by Peter Young CPAGB, AFIAP, APAGB, a well-regarded photographer who gave us a presentation entitled 'Tales From The Dark Side'. This consisted of an exhibition of prints mostly in black and white (hence the title of the presentation) and some colour photographs used to illustrate the difference that a monochromatic treatment gives to an image.

Most of the black and white shots, including his most recent work, were traditional 'wet darkroom' prints with only a few being digital shots. This struck a chord with many of us who have spent so many evenings in the darkroom over the years, but seemed to puzzle some of the younger contingent!

The subject matter was interesting, at times unconventional, but always top quality and the night was well received by all members.

Once again, the month concluded with our competition night. This month the judge was Harry Gardiner AWPFF who gave a detailed and very thorough critique to every shot. He was most impressed by the overall standard of the work presented to him and was unable to separate the marks into a wide spread due to this; so many of the images got a very high mark and very unusually

there were multiple placings. He awarded marks and prizes as follows:

Monochrome Print: This was a closely-fought contest with Rob Carr coming out on top with 20 points for his study of Steetley Pier. In joint second place with 19 points each were Andrew Hallum with 'European Summit', Glenn Porter with 'Consolation' and Roy Carr again for 'For Sale'. Third place was also shared with 18 points each being awarded to Barbara Archdale-Smith for her 'Umbrella And Dog' and Rob Owens for 'Cranberry Rock'.

Colour Print: First prize and 20 points went to Roy Carr for 'The Odd One Out' with second place and 19 points going to Sarah Savage for her picture entitled 'King Of The Road'. Third place was very closely judged with 18 points going to four entries. Roy Carr scored again with a print entitled 'The Wreck Of The Admiral Von Trump', shared with Brian Trego for 'Bamborough Bay', Glenn Porter for 'Cribyn From Neuadd Reservoir' and Andrew Hallum with 'Busy Bee'.

The **Projected Image** section was, as usual, the most keenly contested section, and Harry found it very difficult to differentiate between the higher marked pieces. Ultimately, three pieces shared first place with 20 points each, six images shared second place with 19 points each and a further three images sharing third place with 17 points.

The first place winners were Roy Carr with 'Whitby Morn', Phillipa Evans with 'Storm Imogen' and Brian Trego with 'Smoky Start Over Hawes'.

Second place was shared by Tina Haydon with 'Long-Tailed Tit', Glenn Porter with 'View Towards The Black Mountains', Ken Mayled with 'Backlit Cosmos', Phillipa Evans with 'Damsel On My Finger', Mike Lewis with 'Rainy Day' and Steve Everett with 'Roll Up'.

Congratulations to all prize winners but in particular to Roy for an outstanding multiple success.

Throughout 2016 we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

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Tories and Plaid fall out over pledge on Dinas Powys bypass

THE Conservatives recently announced that if they won the Welsh election a Dinas Powys bypass would be a priority.

It led local Plaid Cymru councillor Chris Franks to point out that there were other areas of Wales that were upset they were not getting a share of the transport budget.

Tory community councillor Vince Driscoll, who is also chairperson of the Conservatives in the Vale, said Coun Franks' comments concerned him.

Coun Driscoll explained: "It is very worrying as it would appear he is putting other areas above the people who elected him.

"I feel I have a duty to bring this to public attention when Coun Franks suggests the people in Llanymynech in Montgomery want a bypass, instead of Dinas Powys.

"We've been waiting 93 years since the line of the road was first drawn.

"Surely Coun Franks is elected to serve Dinas Powys and the Vale, not other parts of Wales?

"Llanymynech has 1,675 people living there, with half of them in England.

"The border runs down the middle of its main street – so 833 against the 60,000 combined population of Dinas Powys and Barry."

Coun Chris Franks told The GEM: "When Plaid Cymru proposed a Dinas Powys bypass last year as part of the Local Transport Plan, all Conservatives in the Vale voted against it. That says it all.

"I spoke on the issue alongside Coun Ian Johnson, representing our constituents. The Tories said nothing about Dinas Powys.

"Plaid Cymru would also like to see more carriages on rush hour trains where travellers are unable to get seats in the morning or evening, and extra trains for Rhose and Llantwit Major.

"As Plaid Cymru is second in the latest polls, we are the only party who can tackle Labour on these important issues.

"The Conservatives are pledging bypasses for many communities in Wales.

"They have failed to prove that the Dinas Powys bypass is their top priority.

"Their MPs in the north of Wales object to spending on projects such as the Dinas Powys bypass not Plaid," he added.

Readers' Letters

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A dangerous future

IN the UK, if you did not already know, the richest 1 per cent of the population get 27 per cent of the national income, and the next 9 per cent get 28 per cent, leaving 45 per cent of the national income for the 90 per cent residue of British citizens who work for it.

Nobody ever suggested that this 1 per cent ever did anything valuable to deserve it: they just get it, and this is what millions of Conservatives eagerly vote for, in their adulation for the super-rich.

If you disapprove of this as being against social justice, that is called 'the politics of envy'.

On top of that, Tories are very much opposed to inheritance tax, making no distinction between the parent who bequeaths £50,000, and the one who bequeaths £5 billion, to the 21-year-old son and heir who has not gained any wisdom how best to deploy this wealth. The lad merely becomes a target for well-qualified commun.

Now even if you are completely dead to any moral principles, as many citizens show themselves to be, a grasp of arithmetic should guide you to

perceive that this is an extremely unstable form of economics and society, with a dangerous future for 100 per cent of all the population of Britain.

History abounds with similar feudal systems, and all the private security in the world never makes it worthwhile for those who believe that they benefit. Human beings would be wiser to search for justice, for everyone's sake.

CN Westerman, Brynna.

'WHAT DOES HE STAND FOR?'

IAGREE with your correspondent Steve Reed (GEM letters, April 7). I emailed Ross England on March 18 making the same points. I have yet to receive a reply.

Being born in Cardiff is clearly a good start, but what, if anything, has he done since? At the moment, there is a gap longer than a life sentence in his CV.

David Moody-Jones,
Peterston super Ely

Barry and District Male Skittles League results

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Summer nibbles for Macmillan

CELEBRATE the people who light up your life by holding a Summer Lights get-together for Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday, June 25.

A brand new fundraising event, the idea is simple – invite your loved ones around to enjoy nibbles, drinks and good company under your summer lights. Whether it's daytime or evening, inside or out, with fairy-lights, candles or lanterns, it's a great reason to come together and raise money to support people affected by cancer.

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Get your garden ready for 'a right royal knees-up' and prepare for the summer

IT may be a little chilly to indulge in an outdoor party on the Queen's actual 90th birthday on April 21, but come June – the month of her official birthday – your garden should be ready for a right royal knees-up.

So, aside from Union Jack bunting and red, white and blue balloons, what else can you do to perk up your patio for your own celebratory garden party?

Flower power

Indulge in some red, white and blue themes – bedding plants are ideal and there are many options. Blue and white lobelia with red verbenas or geraniums provide a patriotic theme.

Get started indoors now, sowing seeds of summer bedding, or buy plug plants and by the time of the Queen's official birthday, the flowers should be in bloom.

Pom pom patio

If red, white and blue aren't your bag, indulge in some pink frivolity with these gorgeous pink honeycomb paper party balls to hang off trees, parasols

or plants around the patio. Available from Ella James (£2.50 each, www.ellajames.co.uk).

Have your cake

No birthday celebration would be complete without a delicious Victoria sponge or a few traditional scones served al fresco on a stylish cake stand. This floral glass stand should keep things sweet (£14.99, Dobbies Garden Centres, only available in store. For nearest branch, visit www.dobbies.com).

In the shade

If it's a sizzling party, your guests may need some down time in the shade. Invest in a stylish parasol to match your garden and keep your cool.

Lighten up

This quirky Fork and Spade Tea Light Holder Set made from durable steel (£12.99, www.homebase.co.uk) should raise a smile from guests at the dinner table, while a Cole & Bright Solar Filigree Table Light, with a white and colour-changing solar-powered LED inside, makes for the perfect outdoor centrepiece (£9.99, for stockists go to www.gardmanstockists.co.uk). If you have a problem with insects, choose the new Heyland & Whittle Citronella Outdoor Candle in a stylish cream and black holder (£6, www.heylandandwhittle.co.uk).

Get fruity

Impress your guests by growing a glut of strawberries for a June party in these handy clip-on towers from Elho which you can add to as you go. Elho's Corsica range features this vertical garden, ideal for growing strawberries or trailing flowers, creating a tower effect by stacking them.

They come in medium or small and in a choice of colours, including white, terra, taupe, anthracite, cherry, lime green, grainy sand, vintage blue, mint or lovely blush.

There's also a choice of an additional stand (only in anthracite) or saucers in the same colours. (Small vertical garden £6.99, medium vertical garden £10.49,

www.elho.com, available from UK garden centres.)

Pot luck

Give your patio the wow factor with some traditional, stylish new pots to impress your guests. Woodlodge has created a range of National Trust proof glazed pots to complement and enhance the plants and colours of your garden.

The designs and colours reflect the National Trust's ethos that everyone needs beautiful views and green spaces to be inspired, feel nourished and to grow.

The Inspire range of terracotta pots comes in charcoal, blue, green and white, decorated with the National Trust oak leaf, and inscribed with the words: Beauty-Inspire-Nourish-Grow. Available in four sizes (from £5.99 up to £39.99. For stockists, visit www.woodlodge.co.uk).

Warm up

As the temperature cools down in the evening, you might want to snuggle round a fire with your guests.

There are plenty of chimineas and firepits on the market, but if you really want to push the boat out, the Solus Firecube 16", a contemporary concrete firepit with eco-friendly ethanol burner, is launched at the end of this month and is among the finalists of the RHS Chelsea Garden Product of the Year 2016. At an eye-watering £2,000, you may want to stay in the garden all night! (Solus Decor UK Ltd, www.solusdecor.com)

BEST OF THE BUNCH – Lily-of-the-valley

(Convallaria). These deliciously scented perennials will make a low-growing carpet of fresh green foliage in moist shade, bearing white flowers in April and May which are sometimes followed by small berries.

The plants prefer humus-rich, moist soil to thrive and tolerate shade, especially under deciduous trees. They make good partners for shade-loving hostas or arums.

But beware, because they can become invasive and you may need to lift and divide the rhizomes to keep

by HANNAH STEPHENSON

the flowers coming year on year. C. majalis is the native species, with named varieties including 'Fortin's Giant' and 'Rosea', which has mauve-pink flowers.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – catch crops

Don't leave space in your vegetable patch or on the allotment waiting for slow-growing edibles to progress.

Instead, fill in the gaps with fast-growing catch crops such as lettuce, spinach which can be picked young and beetroot. Use quick crops of radishes and spring onions between slow-growing parsnips, or a quick crop of peas before it's time to put your runner beans out in June.

Radishes and lettuce can also be grown between brassicas such as Brussels sprouts and sprouting broccoli, which take a long time to fill their space.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Protect young vegetable plants with netting if you have a problem with birds.

Start to harden off bedding plants in a garden frame. Transplant evergreens that need moving.

Sow Brussels sprouts, parsnips, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips outdoors.

Sow half-hardy and tender annuals in the greenhouse for summer bedding.

Start to mow the lawn weekly or more often if necessary.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as acanthus and tigridia.

Weed patios, paths and drives.

Apply rose fertiliser, gently hoeing it in around the plants.

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JUST WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR HOUSE PROPERTY VALUES IN GREAT BRITAIN?

THE year 2016 made a brisk start, with house prices jumping to new height.

The average value of a UK home hit a record high of £292,000 in January after increasing by 7.9 per cent annually, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Meanwhile, property website Rightmove reported a few months ago that the average price tag on a property coming to market across England and Wales had passed the £300,000 mark for the first time.

The struggle for people to get on the housing ladder has also been laid bare.

The ONS figures also show that a first-time buyer faces paying 7.7 per cent more for a property in the UK than they did a year earlier, with the average price paid for a starter home standing at £222,000 in January 2016.

And another report, from estate agent Hamptons International, found it would take a single first-time buyer 13-and-a-half years to build a big enough deposit for a home, while couples face a wait of three-and-a-half years.

That report, which covered England and Wales, assumed someone would need to raise a 15 per cent deposit to buy a home. It also assumed aspiring buyers were working full-time and saving 22 per cent of their income towards a deposit after paying essential bills.

So with the UK housing market already on full steam ahead for 2016, what's next in the coming months?

Well, one of the reasons behind the strong activity seen so far in 2016 is thought to be a

stamp duty increase for people buying second homes, such as buy-to-let investors, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The increase has just kicked in, as of April 1, so its full effects are yet to be seen.

The three percentage point increase on previous stamp duty rates for this sector of the market was announced by the UK Government towards the end of 2015, and investors rushed to complete sales before the deadline.

In Scotland, stamp duty land tax (SDLT) has been replaced by the land and buildings transaction Tax (LBTT).

However, similar tax hikes on the purchase of additional homes such as second homes or buy-to-let properties have also been introduced in Scotland, as of April 1, with the intention of avoiding any potential distortions in Scotland that could arise from the stamp duty increase in the rest of the UK.

Various suggestions have been put forward as to the impact the tax hikes might have on the market. Some experts believe the extra costs will be passed on by landlords to rental sector tenants in the form of higher rents.

A report from the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) found that nearly two thirds (63 per cent) of letting agents predict the supply of buy-to-let properties will now start to fall as landlords are pushed out of the market, and nearly six in 10 (57 per cent) believe rents will be pushed up.

But the coming months could also present an opportunity for first-time buyers, who can find themselves competing for the same property types that investors also go for.

Simon Rubinsohn, chief economist at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), says the pace of house growth could start to "slacken" if demand from buy-to-let investors shrinks a bit in the coming months.

He says there have been signs of buy-to-let investors and people buying holiday homes looking to accelerate their plans. This means some sales that may otherwise have taken place later in the year have now been brought forward.

However, an array of schemes designed to help people move onto or up the housing ladder may fill any gaps left by a drift off in demand from investors.

Rubinsohn says that with various Government schemes such as Help to Buy upping the demand from buyers, it is hard to predict the impact of the stamp duty hike.

He says: "We're going to see sales activity continue to move ahead but it's going to be a bit harder to build up the numbers. First-time buyers may find the landscape a bit more favourable."

WHAT... IS THE NEW FLOOD RE SCHEME?

Flood Re is a new insurance scheme to help households in higher-risk areas get access to more affordable cover and a wide choice of policies.

Launching on April 4, the scheme works with insurance companies so that people who own and live in properties that are most likely to flood can shop around more easily to find policies with more affordable premiums and excesses.

It is hoped that the increased competition will help drive down premiums for those affected.

The scheme will help people who buy buildings or contents insurance for properties that are at risk

**by VICKY SHAW,
Press Association.**

of flooding, providing they own and live in them.

It is estimated that, over time, around 350,000 UK households could benefit from Flood Re.

Consumers will not need to deal with the scheme directly and will still buy their insurance as usual.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) says some insurers will be contacting customers directly to tell them about how Flood Re can make a difference.

Consumers can also call their insurer to find out if they can offer new options. The ABI says it is also a good idea to shop around, as the existence of Flood Re should, over time, mean more choice of affordable flood cover, even for those at high flood risk.

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Offering additional light, with relatively fast construction times, up to 200,000 conservatories were built per year during the height of their popularity.

However, some homeowners found that the full glare of the sun in summer and chilly temperatures in winter made older conservatories uncomfortable, with the only solution being a costly rebuild.

The good news is that building technology has moved on and, as with glazing, there are some thermally efficient roof options now on the market that can be added to the existing conservatory structure.

'Activ' Glass roof

A straightforward upgrade for those who want to keep an uninterrupted view of the blue skies up above is to opt for a modern, low emissivity (low-e) 'Activ', energy efficient glass roof.

Helping to reduce the variations in temperature associated with older, traditional glass or polycarbonate roofs, 'Activ' low-e glass helps cut solar glare, protect furniture from fading and keep heat in during the winter months.

For even greater insulation there are now two solid roof options that can be retrofitted to an existing conservatory, without the need for significant structural modifications.

Tiled roof

The new, lightweight, tiled roof takes its design cues from the slates and tiles found on most UK houses. As a result it works well on most properties and comes in a range of finishes to match any existing architecture.

Created using aluminium panels, with Kingspan insulation, these roofs can achieve a U value of just 0.18, similar to that of a normally constructed, modern roof.

With this option, the interior of the conservatory can include a plastered ceiling with down-lighters or even roof windows to keep the view of the stars.

LivinRoof

For a more contemporary feel, there is a third option called the LivinRoof. This modern roof combines the sleek lines of a glass roof with the shade and thermal efficiency of a solid conservatory roof to create something that looks and feels very contemporary.

With the LivinRoof, entire panels can be replaced with glass to create a hybrid solid and glass roof meaning the homeowner can choose where to have shaded areas and where to have more light.

Once again there is the option to plaster the interior ceiling and add down-lighters. The LivinRoof also comes with the option of adding orangery detailing to enhance the interior and exterior styling of the conservatory.

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How to keep your plants and ornaments safe from thieves

By Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

WE may not have rare plants in our gardens that are worth a fortune on the black market, but our ornaments, costly containers and mature trees would cost a lot to replace.

As reports that the increase in thefts of valuable rare plants is forcing the RHS garden at Wisley, Surrey, and the Royal Botanic Gardens in both Kew and Edinburgh to assess security and install extra CCTV, now is the time to think of our own plots.

Each year, property owners lose millions of pounds worth of garden equipment, including mowers, furniture, expensive statuary and ornaments and even York stone paving slabs and turf.

Here are ways to minimise the risk of theft:

BOUNDARIES

- Fit trellis on top of a fence to improve security. A trellis is fairly fragile – it won't support the weight of a human – and difficult to climb. However, anything higher than two metres and you'll need planning permission.

- Grow spiky hedges of holly, berberis, hawthorn or blackthorn. Most conifers will form a thick hedge that is difficult to get through. Thorny shrubs are most effective.

- Other thorny shrubs which will make a medium to large hedge up to 1.8m (6ft) include pyracantha and Rosa rugosa, while low-growing thorny shrubs can be positioned at the base of fences and below windows and drainpipes to deter intruders.

PATHS

- Gravel paths act as a deterrent as any visitor will scrunch up the driveway or gravelled approach in the back garden, alerting the home-owner.

PLANTS

- You may not have rare plants, but you could have valuable mature specimens in pots. If you have bay trees framing your front door, invest in the heaviest pots you can to deter thieves.

- Tough, deep roots are the best anchorage. So grow plants from small specimens to allow them time and space to mature and their strong, developed root system will make it very difficult for opportunistic thieves to easily dig them up.

- Invest in a specialist land anchor when planting expensive trees and shrubs.

- Plant new shrubs through a layer of chicken wire topped with soil, which makes them harder to dig up.

ORNAMENTS

- Take pictures of your ornaments in case they are stolen and write your postcode on them in ultra violet pen so they can be traced back to you if retrieved.

- Fit alarms which will go off if they are moved, but won't respond to wind or rain.

- Secure them to the ground or to a nearby post or pillar by chaining them to an 'anchor'. You can buy proprietary land anchors, most of which are based on a permanent stake to which the item is bolted or chained.

- Or fix coach bolts through the pot's drainage holes and bolt the container to the ground. Urns, statues and large planters could alternatively be cemented in place.

SHED

- Check that your shed is secure. It needs strong hinges and a good padlock. Consider fitting a battery operated alarm or even extending your house alarm to protect it.

- Security mark all tools, mowers, garden furniture, ornaments and other valuables so if they are offered for sale and the thief apprehended, you may be reunited with them.

FRONT GARDEN

- Keep front-garden hedges and fences low – one metre is ideal – so intruders can't hide behind them.

- Hide your best specimens from view. If you really want your hanging baskets in the front, consider padlocking them to their supports, or

chaining bay trees to a pillar. But remember, what is not on view is less likely to be stolen.

- If you have a padlocked gate connecting the front and the back, make sure it is as high and strong as your fencing. Use locks at top and bottom and make sure the hinges are fixed to the gatepost so the gate cannot be lifted off its hinges.

LIGHTING

- Install motion-sensitive lights both front and back. This can be a great deterrent.

- Consider installing CCTV – look for systems you can monitor from your mobile.

INSURANCE

- Check your household insurance policy covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.

BEST OF THE BUNCH - Erica Carnea

Spring-flowering heather is a real winner in tubs, troughs, beds and borders, even in windy gardens.

There are lots of different named varieties in white, pink, red, mauve or purple and they look wonderful planted in front of conifers and evergreens, as they grow to around 8in (20cm) high and 18in (45cm) wide.

They are generally lime-haters and do well planted in ericaceous compost in full sun. If you want something slightly taller, go for E. darleyensis, which grows to around 60cm (2ft) and blooms between November and April.

They are also wonderful planted in containers with dwarf conifers, pansies, ivy and red-berried Skimmia reevesiana, to make a really colourful scene on the patio or by the front door.

Once flowers have faded, the plants should be trimmed back lightly, but make sure you don't cut back into old wood.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT - Carrots

You should be able to make the first outdoor sowings of carrots now, but try to warm the soil up first to aid germination.

Your soil needs to be free of stones or you'll get funny-shaped carrots, but alternatively you could grow some in deep pots of compost.

For a continuous supply of baby carrots, sow a short row and keep sowing at regular intervals through the summer, drawing out a 1.5cm seed drill, spacing the drills 15cm apart.

Water the area with a fine rose watering can to minimise seed disturbance and keep the soil moist until germination.

Once seedlings are large enough to handle, thin them out, leaving one seedling every 2-4cm. Further thin them a month later to a final spacing of 10cm.

The first baby carrots should be ready for pulling in June. Good varieties include 'Early French Frame', which are small and round and won't fork if they hit a stone, or 'Early Nantes', which grow well in light, sandy soil.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Prune plum trees once they have started growing.

- Make sure pots and seed trays in the greenhouse do not dry out.

- Cut off dead flower spikes from summer-flowering heathers and prune young tree heathers.

- Make the first outdoor sowings of culinary and salad herbs.

- Apply a spring fertiliser to established lawns once they are actively growing and cut grass when it is about 8cm (3in) high.

- Transplant autumn-sown onions to their final quarters, spacing them alternately at 12in (30cm).

- Thin early sowings of lettuce.

- Give roses a top dressing of rose fertiliser.

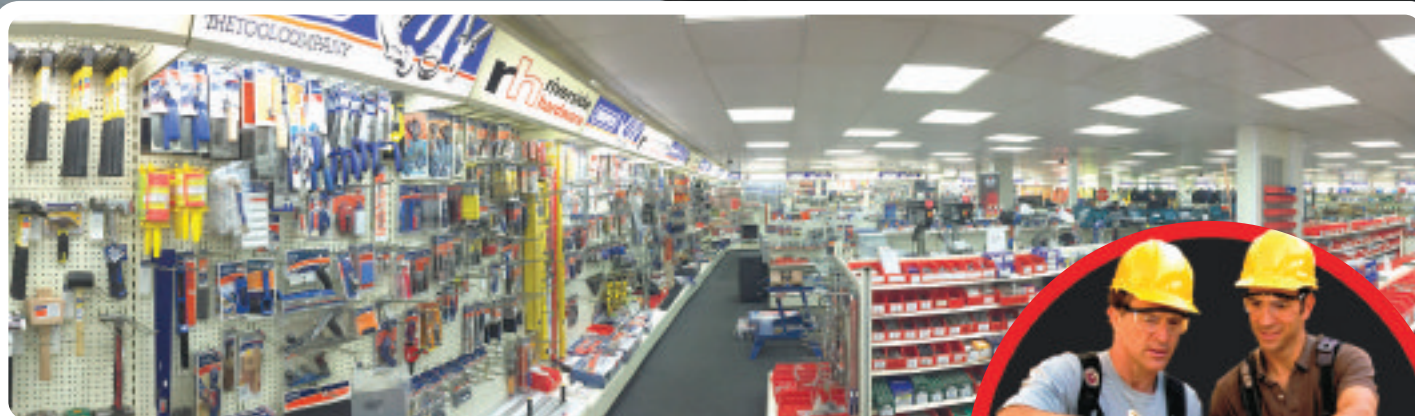
- Sow campanulas under glass.

- Clear remaining crops of leeks and celery so the ground can be prepared for new crops.

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'On the Road' dates include:

Bethel Baptist Church Hall, Llantwit Major on April 28 from 3pm to 7pm.

Room 7, Cowbridge Community College, High Street, Cowbridge, on May 10 from 3pm to 7pm.

Rhoose Library, Fontygary Road, Rhoose CF62 3DS, on May 16 from 3pm to 7pm.

Penarth Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2YT on June 16 from 3pm to 7pm.

Dinas Powys Community Library, Fair Oaks, The Murch, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QU on June 23 from 3pm to 7pm.

GVS can support individuals by finding them the right volunteering opportunity and can support community groups in the following ways: assisting with the recruitment of volunteers; free advice and guidance to help identify and bid for grants; low cost, high quality printing and design; assisting trustees to run groups efficiently and legally; free, low cost training and events; free equipment loan and promotion.

For further details about Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) and our services, call 01446 741706, e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales, website: www.gvs.wales.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D823.

● £2,000: 808151.
● The rollover, which now stands at £4,000, was not won this week.

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THERE are very few directors who can arguably have had such an impressive opening haul of films than Jeff Nicholls.

Shotgun Stories was a low-key thriller, *Take Shelter* an evocative mood-piece and *Mud* an eerie, woozy coming-of-age story.

His latest film, *Midnight Special*, sees him reteam with collaborator Michael Shannon who plays Roy, on the run with his child Alton (Jaeden Lieberher) from a cult who worship Alton because he has special powers. He is pursued by a FBI agent (Adam Driver) who is looking into the case of Alton, but Roy and his friend, state trooper Lucas (Joel Edgerton), are intent on delivering Alton to a specific place...

Much has been made of how *Midnight Special* is a film that acts as Jeff Nicholls' love letter to early Steven Spielberg, echoing the Amblin films of the late 1970s/early 1980s that saw Spielberg deliver mysterious, engaging

work in the likes of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

While there is an undeniable flavour of the 'Berg present, this is also Nicholls' most personal and obtuse work yet, a film that is at its core a film about the relationship between a father and a son, yet also has a sci-fi element to it that keeps you guessing and intrigued until the very end.

When the father is played by Michael Shannon, you know you're in for something special. The actor has made tightly-wound, stoic men his stock in trade in recent times, never giving anything less than an intense and absorbing performance and it's no different here.

A little more low-key, Shannon is the glue that holds the film together, his conviction in doing what he believes is right for his son the be all and end all, and the actor gives a quietly magnetic performance.

He cleverly plays on perceptions in fleeting moments where you wonder if his beliefs are the propelling force guiding this story (a hark back to his character in

Take Shelter) as well as times where his commitment to the cause pushes him physically and emotionally, in what is a tremendous turn.

He is ably matched by young Jaeden Lieberher who gives a breathtaking performance as Alton. It's a performance where less is more, his stillness and other-worldliness fitting perfectly within the story, and he holds his own against the rest of the cast with ease.

With a maturity that is judged superbly, Lieberher is exceptional, but the performances from the likes of Adam Driver, Joel Edgerton and Kirsten Dunst as Alton's mother are all pitched to perfection.

Given the subject matter, this is Nicholls' most visually ambitious film to date, yet he retains a sense of intimacy throughout, and even when the film takes a turn for the stranger, he never loses sight of the characters and the needs of the story.

His script sets the grounded story of a father helping his son and throws the bells and whistles of the science-fiction genre on top, but that the film remains so grounded in terms of narrative is a testament to Nicholls placing such importance in building a foundation that holds strongly.

What it lacks among its many mysteries and questions is a genuine sense of drama. While the film tells the story of Alton and how his 'powers' impact upon those around him, there's very little jeopardy despite the fact he is being pursued by both the cult he was liberated from, and the government; indeed the only moment of real



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peril is resolved off screen.

Also the film's conclusion may frustrate as much as it may amaze depending on what you want from it, an ending that is both satisfying but one that raises more questions than lack a definitive answer.

But it would take a hard heart not to find *Midnight Special* engaging and emotionally resonant - while it certainly takes it cue from the past, it reaffirms Jeff Nicholls as one of the most talented writer/directors working today.

VERDICT: A triumph of a film, *Midnight Special* manages to deliver a magical viewing experience, a genre film that writer/director Jeff Nicholls roots with a compelling father/son story. With superb performances all round, this is a truly wonderful film. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Super 8* (2011), *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977).

BARRY ART EXHIBITION



GEM readers may recall that on March 24, we publicised an exhibition at the Arts Central Gallery in Barry. The above artwork, entitled 'Seekers', was by Vernetta O'Connor. Vernetta's name was correctly spelled in the article, but unfortunately, it was mis-spelled in the caption to the picture. The GEM would like to offer its apologies to Vernetta. The exhibition runs at the gallery until April 16. More of her work can be seen on www.vernetta.co.uk

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS - PACT meeting at The Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road Barry on Thursday, April 14 at 6.30pm.

CADOC - Meet your local officer at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry between 11am and 1pm on Thursday, April 14.

RHOOSE - Coffee and chat at The Six Bells, Penmark on Tuesday, April 19 at 11am.

Penarth events

A TALK entitled 'Funeral Funnies' will be presented by John Bettles at 7.30pm on Thursday, April 14 at All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Penarth. New members are always welcome.

'Music at lunchtime' features Rachel Moras (mezzo soprano) and Sian Davies (piano), who will be at All Saints Church, Penarth from 1pm-2pm on Monday, April 18. Free entry, bring your own lunch. Teas and coffees provided.

Valeways guided walks

ON April 14, meet at 10.30am at Portobello car park in Omore for an Up the Valley walk.

On Sunday, April 17 at 2pm meet at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys for a spring walk.

At Cowbridge library (CF71 7AH) meet at 2pm for a Churches of Cowbridge walk on the same day.

On Wednesday, April 20 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at 10.30am at Romilly Cafe on Cold Knapp, Barry.

On Thursday, April 21 at 10am there is Around the Bay - meet at Pont y Werin Bridge, on Marconi Avenue in Penarth. Also on the 21st, Crwydro Penarth meets at 10am; start from Gorsaf Reilffordd, Penarth.

Autism Society coffee

THE National Autistic Society, Cardiff and Vale branch is holding a coffee morning at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Saturday, April 16 from 10.30am - 12pm.

This event is aimed primarily at parents/carers of children/adults with autism and may also be of interest to professionals working with families who live with autism. The event is not restricted to NAS branch members.

For further information, email nascardiff@nas.org.uk.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will be holding a surgery on Saturday, April 16 at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall in Llantwit Major from 9.30am - 11.30am. Residents with any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Coffee morning

HOLY Trinity Presbyterian Church, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry is hosting a coffee morning with stalls on Saturday, April 16 from 10.30am - 12 noon. Entrance £1.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castletand and Court wards: Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Kuhnell and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular advice surgery on Saturday, April 16 from 10am to 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, King Square. No appointment necessary.

Sleeping Beauty

THE Moya Vahey School of Ballet and the Ella Morgan school of Dance will perform the ballet *Sleeping Beauty* on Sunday, April 17 at 3pm and 6pm.

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The performances will be held at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/sleepingbeauty2016. All proceeds to Velindre Hospital, Cancer Research, Wales.

National Trust meeting

THE next meeting of the Vale Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers will be the AGM on Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm at The Duke of Wellington. This will be followed by a talk by Gavin Davies entitled, 'A Medley of Short Tales'.

Our first 'away day' will be on Wednesday, May 18, when we visit NT Croome, Worcester. Enquiries to: vofagant@gmail.com.

New members are always welcome. Please remember that we will be looking for new committee members at the AGM.

Big Screen

BIG Screen's next film is *Brooklyn* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, April 21 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office or on the door).

Spring fayre

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a spring fayre at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Thursday, April 21, 10am to 12 midday.

There will be a wide range of stalls with bargains for all, refreshments and raffle; admission is free.

The fayre will be opened by Jane Hutt. All proceeds to the Age Connects Senior Health Shop. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Curry and quiz night

THE Mayor of Llantwit Major is organising a curry and quiz night in the Llantwit Hall on Saturday, April 23 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 from the Town Hall; a bar and a raffle will feature on the night.

All proceeds to go to the Mayor's chosen charities, Mind and Samaritans. For further information call 01446 793707.

Shakespeare anniversary

ON Saturday, April 23, Griffin Books in Penarth will mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death with a day of Bard-themed fun.

There will be live performances of Shakespeare's work throughout the day plus quizzes, competitions, refreshments and a 20 per cent discount on all Shakespeare-related titles for the day.

Coffee morning and fun day

VALE People First, a local organisation for people with a learning disability, are holding a coffee morning/fun day to raise funds at Salem Church, Beryl Road (off Holton Rd) Barry, on Saturday, April 23.

Open from 10am to 4pm, there will be coffee and cakes, raffles, tombola, sponsored leg wax and head-shave, bric-a-brac, manicures, soft toy stall and much more. Entrance is free.

Free tax advice

DO you worry about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a free tax advice session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Monday, April 25 from 9.30am - 11.30am.

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Dwynwen, Dydd Gwyl Dewi, 10k Dewi Sant, eisteddfod yr ysgol a noson gwis a drefnwyd gan y gymdeithas rhieni.

Well what a busy term it has been at Ysgol Sant Baruc!

Many events and celebrations have taken place and since January we have seen pupils and staff celebrating Chinese New Year, St Dwynwen's disco, Saint David's Day,

St David's Day 10k, the school eisteddfod and a quiz night which was organised by the PTA.

Eisteddfod yr Ysgol

GWELWYD cystadlu brwdfrydig yn ein heisteddfod eleni rhwng llysoedd Glyndŵr, Buddug a Llywelyn gyda'r sgôr yn agos iawn trwy gydol y dydd. Llonyfarchiadau i Lys

Llywelyn a oedd yn fuddugol ar ddiwedd y dydd.

Llonyfarchiadau mawr hefyd i Cai Beasley a enillodd y gadair am ysgrifennu darn ardderchog o farddoniaeth am y Peiriant Sgrech, a Gwenn Davies a enillodd Tlws y Cerdor. THERE were many enthusiastic competitors at the school eisteddfod this year. There was much competition between the three houses - Glyndŵr, Buddug and Llywelyn with the score being exceptionally close throughout the day. Congratulations to Llywelyn who were victorious at the end of the day.

Congratulations also to Cai Beasley, who won the Chair for writing a beautiful poem about a roller coaster. Congratulations also to Gwenn Davies who won the Musician Trophy for her continued commitment to music.

Bu cystadlu brwd hefyd gan yr ensemble gitâr, a daeth yn ail yn yr Eisteddfod Gylch - da iawn Cai, Gracie, Nathaniel, Lena, Evan a Steffie.

Llonyfarchiadau hefyd i Ruby Hadfield a enillodd cystadleuaeth Cog Urdd yr ysgol. Cynhaliwyd y gystadlaeth yma yn yr ysgol am y tro cyntaf i blant yr Adran Iau.

Gwelwyd 15 o blant yn cystadlu ac yn paratoi Salad Groegaidd fel pryd. Diolch o galon i Mr Eric Thomas am roi ei amser er mwyn beirniadu'r gystadlaeth. Bydd Ruby yn cystadlu yn y rownd nesaf ar ôl gwyliau'r Pasg - pob lwc Ruby!

There was also enthusiastic competing by the guitar ensemble, who came second in the first round of the Eisteddfod Gylch - well done to Cai, Gracie, Nathaniel, Lena, Evan and Steffie.

Congratulations also to Ruby Hadfield who won the Cog Urdd competition which was held this year at the school for the first time. The competition saw 15 pupils competing where they were required to prepare a Greek salad. Many thanks to Mr Eric Thomas who gave up his time to judge the competition. Ruby will be competing in the next round after the Easter break and we wish her every success.

10k Dewi Sant DIOLCH i bawb a bu'n ymarfer a rhedeg ras 10k Dewi Sant er mwyn codi arian i gronfa'r Gyndeithas Rieni. Gwelwyd plant, rhieni, ffrindiau a staff yr ysgol yn rhedeg 1k, 5k a 10k ar ddiwrnod braf nól ar

ddiwrnod mis Chwefror. Codwyd £800, felly diolch i bawb a rhedodd ar y diwrnod neu cyfannodd arian.

Thank you to everyone who trained and participated in the St David's Day 10k run to raise funds for the school. The event saw pupils, parents, friends and staff run the 1k, 5k and the 10k on a sunny day at the end of February. The event helped raise £800, therefore a big thank you to everyone who ran or contributed money.

Tim pêl-droed MAE timau Pêl-droed yr ysgol wedi bod yn brysur yn cystadlu a chwarae nifer o gemau yn ystod y tymor. Gwelwyd merched a bechgyn Blwyddyn 5 a 6 yn chwarae mewn cynghrair y Barri ac yng nghystadlaethau 5 pob ochr draw yn Ysgol Pen-y-Garth.

Diolch i'r plant am eu hymrwymiad a'u brwdfrydded. Diolch

hefyd i Mr Kenyon am drefnu'r timau a Mr Whitlock am estyn help llaw gyda'r hyfforddi.

School football teams THE school football teams have been very busy competing and playing many games during the term. Both girls and boys from years five and six have been competing in the

local league and competing in a five-a-side competition at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth recently.

Thank you to the pupils for showing commitment and enthusiasm during the term, and also a big thank you to Mr Kenyon for training the pupils with Mr Whitlock lending a helping hand.

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TRIPLE TRIUMPH FOR BRIDGEND OWNER AT YSTRADOWEN *Laubernhorn's hat-trick by Brian Lee*

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BRIDGEND builder Roger Willcox saw his nine-year-old bay gelding *Laubernhorn* land the Ladies' Open Race at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Point-To-Point steeplechases at Ystradowen for the third year on the bounce, when coming home four lengths ahead of *Watch The Birdie*, partnered by Hannah Lewis.

Two fences from home it looked like the odds-on favourite *Watch The Birdie* would go on and win her race, but by the time the last fence had been reached *Laubernhorn's* rider Jodie Hughes, who had ridden a well-judged race, was almost alongside and went on to gain a famous victory.

Jodie said on dismounting: "*Laubernhorn* is brilliant, a real class act. I have always admired him and it has been a joy to ride him."

Mr Willcox was quick to give praise to Stephen Parkhouse who had helped him train *Laubernhorn*, which had finished amongst the also-rans in his previous race last month.

The John Lovell Men's Open Race, for which there were seven starters, was really a match between Claire Sherriff's seven-year-old bay mare *My Coranna* and David Llewellyn's 13-year-old bay gelding *Rosies Peacock*. After Thomas Junior and Sheriff Hutton had made most of the early pace, *My Coranna* and Bradley Gibbs took up the lead two fences from home and went on to win by six lengths from *Rosies Peacock*.

My Coranna, which has never finished out of the first two, was winning for the fourth time in a row and her rider said: "She has a big heart and has done well on ground that is a bit too soft for her." This exciting mare could find herself in the line-up for the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow on April 22.

My Coranna was the second leg of a double for Gibbs who had won the opening Hunt Members', Subscribers and Farmers' Race on another exciting mare, the five-year-old *Frelia*, who came home a distance ahead of *Cousinade* after taking up the running five fences from the finish.

Sixteen-year-old Lorcan Williams from Amroth in west Wales, riding his mother Lorna and father Chris's seven-year-old bay gelding *Nicholasville*, chalked up his first winner in around 10 rides when landing the Restricted Race by six lengths from the John Mathias-partnered *Princess Tina*, who had looked like winning three fences from the finish.

Lorcan rides out for leading National Hunt trainer Paul Nicholls and no doubt we will be hearing a lot more about him in the future.

Keith James's eight-year-old chestnut gelding *Itchmei'mscratch* which had won a bumper (National Hunt Flat race) in Ireland when trained by Gordon Elliott in 2014, was the winner of the Intermediate under Tom David. In a handy position throughout, the oddly named odds-on favourite won by 10 lengths from *NorthGeorge*, in a time which was eight seconds faster than when winning the Members at the Glamorgan in March.

David made it a double when taking the Young Horse Open Maiden on the R G L Racing Partnership horse *Ride On Time*, a six-year-old bay gelding which had been placed over hurdles and in chases when trained by Ben Pauling.

Ride On Time came home five lengths ahead of *Ann Scott* and trainer Robbie Llewellyn said: "Tom, who works for Pauling, told us the horse was useful but wanted to be sweetened up a bit so we bought him for our family and friends syndicate. He's a lovely horse to train and we are all delighted."

The Seven-Year-Olds and Over Open Maiden was won by *Key People*, a nine-year-old bay gelding owned by Pyle's Mrs Sherree Lean and trained by her husband Jonathan Lean. Well ridden by Bargoed's Kris Hamner, aged 25, *Key People*, a former inmate of Tim Vaughan's yard came home 30 lengths ahead of the favourite *An Cor* who was finishing in the runner-up's spot for the third time in a row.

Kris said: "He's a pleasant and easy horse to ride and we were always going well."

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Property owners able to apply for interest-free loans



PROPERTY owners across the Vale are now able to benefit from interest-free loans to assist with the cost of improving their premises.

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"This was a huge benefit to us, as cash flow was very important in the early days.

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"We have retained a lot of character from the original building and added some good quality industrial warehouse style accommodation, with high ceilings, polished concrete floors and ornate Victorian handmade cornicing and exposed brickwork.

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"The project is now close to completion with seven apartments in addition to the former outbuildings. There has been a lot of local interest in the project."

Head of regeneration and planning, Marcus Goldsworthy, said: "We are pleased to offer help to property owners in the Vale to improve their premises. Repairs and maintenance can be costly and lead to further problems if not carried out.

"The interest-free loans will allow them to address issues with their property and pay for it simply and sensibly.

"We also hope that the loans will help property owners to bring vacant properties back into use. Unfortunately, vacant properties can cause problems by attracting anti-social behaviour, vandalism and fly-

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There will be a loan application fee and applicants will be required to demonstrate their ability to repay the loan within a set period of time. Loans will be secured against the property and will take into account existing mortgages to ensure that the mortgage and/or loan do not exceed 80 per cent of the property's value.

For more information, or to apply for an interest-free loan, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Forget-Me-Not taster session

THE Forget-Me-Not Chorus is a Cardiff and Newport-based charity which supports people with dementia (and their carers) through weekly singing sessions.

The 40-strong choir meet to sing, rehearse and have fun under the baton of music director Kate Woolveridge who in 2012 won ITV's 'Inspirational Women of

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The charity runs three choirs in the community in Cardiff and Newport and a third in a Cardiff care home for people with more advanced dementia. The charity is soon to run a fourth choir in the south of Cardiff, Penarth and Vale area to

expand its reach.

Beginning in May, the chorus will hold a new choir rehearsal at Ysgol Y Deri, Penarth to reach people in the south Cardiff and Vale areas. Choir sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 STATION APPROACH PENARTH PENARTH PICNIC EVENT SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 15th April 2016 To Sunday 17th April 2016	Station Approach Penarth, from a point adjacent to No 1 Station Approach to its cul-de-sac end. No Diversion will be in place	From 6.00pm on Friday 15th April Until 9.00pm on Sunday 17th April

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained via a defined emergency access route

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Dated this 14th day of April 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
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A walk around Barry Dock with TOM CLEMETT

(CONTINUED FROM) LAST WEEK'S GEM

Bethel Presbyterian Church which amalgamated with Trinity Presbyterian Church is now living accommodation.

The roundabout at the junction of Court and Gladstone Roads was once the site of an ornate three-branch lamp standard and horse trough donated to the town by Dr George Neale. It, like its counterpart at Gladstone Road and Broad Street, has since disappeared.

The next buildings of any interest were at the Council's Yard (the former skip site). They were the slaughter house and the lairs. Both were closed when they failed to come up to the demands of the Health and Safety Executive.

Back to Hannah Street and to the school at the top, now named Jenner Park. The school was built in 1900 after a great deal of soul searching by the local authority, who said "that the school would be too far from the centre of the population, too near the slaughter house, the proposed refuse destructor, and a public toilet." As the school was near the destructor, it benefited by becoming the first school in the principality to be lit by electricity generated by the burning of refuse at the destructor. The generator was given to the Welsh Maritime Museum when the yard was closed.

The council yard once housed the destructor; its chimney was a landmark that could be seen from many miles around.

Jenner Park Stadium is adjacent to the yard and has been used for many years for football, athletics, rugby league and the most popular sport of all in the 1930s and 1940s, greyhound racing. The ground was filled to capacity, with owners, trainers and racegoers coming from far and wide to the racetrack.

'Crogan Hill' — some say that it was named after the Gwrgan family that built Dinas Powys castle, others say after the small building called the 'Crogben' in which convicted felons were held before being taken away for execution either at Stalling Down or at Felonsway in Barry.

Further up the hill set into the row of houses is

a small church named after William Wilberforce, who fought for the abolition of slavery. He was a friend of Rev Thomas Sims who owned Buttrills Farm and the Bowers Farm in Coldbrook. The Rev Sims is buried in St Cadoc's Churchyard (Old Village Church, Cadoston).

Along Barry Road to Tynewydd Road, on the top of which is a monumental sculptor's yard once owned by Mr Ball; on the right is the Tynewydd Inn built as Tynewydd House by Mr Thomas, who is shown on the census of 1841 as farming on Barry Island. It was used for a number of years as a children's nursery. This ends your alternative walk.



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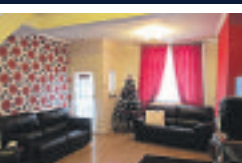
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Kenfig Hill Seconds turn on the style



Kenfig's linesman (Gareth Russell) remains totally impartial as Shaun Burnell races in to score!

Photos by
Peter Gilling.

KENFIG HILL Seconds took on Waunarwydd in an entertaining friendly at Croft Goch.

Both sides are having a successful season and were able to field strong squads.

Waunarwydd looked as if they would have the upper hand in the forwards with a large, formidable front five but the smaller Kenfig Hill pack were able to hold their own in the scrum.

However, it was Kenfig Hill who opened the scoring with winger Lewis Rees going over in the corner, converted by Jac Briggs.

Waunarwydd came straight back scoring from a driving lineup but the conversion was missed.

Kenfig Hill scored again as centre Matthew Burnell found his way through the midfield to score under the posts. Briggs again converted.

Waunarwydd responded almost immediately, scoring from another driving maul following several forward drives to leave the half time score 14-10 to Kenfig Hill.



Aaron Grabham.

The second half was an entertaining half of running rugby with both sides trying to run the ball at every opportunity.

It started immediately from the kick-off with youth flanker Danny Morelli making his first start for the seniors; taking the ball from the kick-off and setting off on a mazy run, brushing off tacklers before finally off-loading the ball to Aaron Grabham to score under the posts.

Kenfig Hill were managing to find space in all areas of the pitch and scored two more tries to move into a comfortable lead.

Waunarwydd were not finished and scored two quick tries in the last 10 minutes to take them to within one score with

time still left.

As they were trying to run the ball from their own 22, youth winger Ceejay Sharpe couldn't believe his luck as he was passed the ball by the Waunarwydd winger, and had an unopposed run into the line.

There was still time for the kick-off: Kenfig Hill moved the ball straight away to the wing and Aaron Grabham took advantage of the tiring defence to streak down the wing to score in the corner, to make the final score a slightly flattering 42-23 to Kenfig Hill.

Kenfig Hill now move onto the District Cup Final next week against Bridgend Athletic, to be played at Cefn Cribbwr with a 3pm kick-off.

Dean David.

Survey says more young people are now 'hooked on sport'

A SCHOOL sport survey by Sport Wales has shown that 47 percent of school children in Bridgend county borough are 'hooked on sport', revealing a seven per cent rise from the last survey in 2013.

The breakdown shows 53 percent of pupils in school years three to nine and 43 percent of pupils in years seven to eleven are 'hooked on sport', meaning that they participate in physical activity at least three times a week.

One school which has been using the school sport survey results to improve participation is Garth Primary. After analysing the results of the 2013 survey, the school developed an action plan.

The 2015 School Sport Survey results showed a substantial improvement in all priorities for the school:

- 97 percent of pupils now feel comfortable taking part in physical activity and extra-curricular activities.
- 100 percent of pupils enjoy PE lessons.
- 90 percent now feel confident about trying out new activities.
- 99 percent of pupils feel their views are listened to as a result of an active sports council being developed.

Lead PE teacher at Garth Primary, Caroline Harries, said: "During the same period that participation improved, attendance figures also improved."

"The data indicates that when pupils are fully engaged, feel listened to and actively participate in meaningful learning experiences, their attendance at school and their attainment accelerate simultaneously."

Headteacher Julie Thomas added: "By using the school sport survey as a measure, we have been able to put strategies in place to ensure that our pupils see physical activity as an integral part of school life. It's great that pupils are enjoying being active and are clearly benefiting from it."

Sport Wales have also recently published results of their Active Adults survey, where Bridgend county borough has shown a five percent increase over a two year period and now 41 percent are taking part in physical activity at least three times a week.

According to the most recent results, 27.5 percent of people in the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University health board region are members of a sports club and eight percent have volunteered in sport in the last year.

BCBC's Leader, Coun Mel Nott OBE, said: "We know that taking part regularly in physical activity helps combat issues such as obesity and promotes overall physical and mental wellbeing."

"We always strive to provide resources and information to residents on the importance of being healthy and active, and research shows that 61 percent of children in primary schools participate in extracurricular sport at least once a week."

"Our sport, play and active wellbeing service are continuously working with partners to increase the numbers of those 'hooked on sport' in our county borough and hopefully these figures will continue to rise."

For more information on keeping active and things to do, contact the council's Sport, Play and Active Wellbeing service on 01656 815215.

Colours stand out against dark skies



Stormy skies and sunshine resulted in this dramatic sky and vibrant rainbow over Heol y Cyw. The photo was taken by Susan Dobbs.

JAMES TAKES THE BUILDERS' CUP

THE second competition of the season at Pyle and Kenfig, the Builders' Cup, was won by new member James Miller with a score of 84 15 69, second was Neil Rogers with 76 5 71 and third place was Mark Williams with a score of 82 10 72.

The annual meeting of the club took place and Roger Parsons took the helm as the captain. The outgoing captain presented a resume of his year and expressed his gratitude to the committee for their support, and to the membership for giving him the honour of captaincy.

He particularly thanked Simon Hopkin, the secretary manager, for his contribution. Roger nominated



Steve Rock as his vice-captain. Roger then had his captain's 'Drive In', a great event which was attended by many of the members, juniors and their families.

ABOVE: Roger Parsons and Simon Hopkin with the British Amateur Championship Trophy.

Pyle and Kenfig is a co-host of the June event with the Royal Porthcawl.

Monday (April 11) has seen the course playing host to the Faldo series. Junior golfers, many with low handicaps, are playing in this prestigious tournament.

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Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point preview

THERE are 156 entries for the rearranged Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases on Saturday, which is being held for the first time in the hunt's history at Howick near Chepstow, the home of the Curre and Llangibby meetings.

There are six races, with the opening Connolly's Red Mills Intermediate race at 2pm.

There are 26 down to run in this race and these include the Amber Griffiths-trained WithOutDeFavourite which lost its maiden tag when winning at the Beaufort Hunt last month.

Others of note here include High Hatton, C Me In Oz, CanSheTrain and Stony Road. There are 33 entries for the Open Maiden five, six and seven-year-olds, and Ann Scott, who finished five lengths behind Ride On Time, the odds-on favourite at the

recent Ystrad Taf Fechan meeting may go one better this time.

In the 22 strong Men's Open Lamboro Lad, which finished second to the useful Desertmore View at the Curre and Llangibby, has Rosies Peacock, Tony Star, Repeat Business and Heavenstown to worry about.

In the Ladies' Open Race, Get It On, Tiger Rag and Blazing Buck, who finished in that order when racing over the course last month, are just three of the 22 entries, while another is Lauberhorn who finished way down the field that day, but who has since showed his real sparkle with a convincing win over Watch The Birdie.

Of the 27 entries for the Restricted Union, Du Chenet and Mad Money look the pick and in the eight-year-olds and Over Maiden, Glenteeneasaigh, runner-up to Nicholasville last time out may prove too fast for An Cor.

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Funeral service and cremation on Tuesday, April 19 at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium.

WOOLLAM**Madeline June**

Peacefully on April 4 at Llandough Hospital after a short illness bravely borne, Madeline, loving mother of David and devoted wife of the late Derek.

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HUNT
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Peacefully on April 4 at Holme Tower, Penarth, Jean, aged 78 years, of Llancafarn. Dearly loved wife of Tom.

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ROBINS**David**

The family wish to announce the sad passing of David on March 31 at Llandough Hospital. A much loved dad to Hayley, Stephen, Lisa and their families.

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GREENWOOD**Joan**

Peacefully on April 2 at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Joan aged 95 years of Cold Knap, Barry. Devoted wife of the late Ian, much loved by her family and friends.

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PEREIRA**Ursula**

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(née Parkman)

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DREW**Dilwyn Henry**

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Acknowledgements

RAUCH**Colin**

Pat, Michele and Martin sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming support, cards, flowers and messages of condolence at this sad time. *God bless you all.*

COLLINS**Patrick John**

Bebe and family would like to thank everyone who attended Paddy's funeral service, for the kind messages of sympathy and support received with a special thank you to Reverend Ken Iveson for his comforting words.

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ELSTON**Grace**

Nick, Alan, Sandra and families would like to thank all family and friends for the cards and messages of condolence received and for all those that attended Grace's funeral on Thursday, 24th March, after she passed away on 13th March in Llandough Hospital.

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ARTHUR**Tom**

Gill and family wish to thank the many people who attended Tom's service. Sincere thanks to Father Ben Andrews for his words of comfort and to all who have supported the family during this difficult time. Special thanks to Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service for the care and professional way Tom's service was arranged and conducted.

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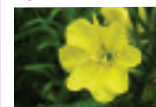
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Half-term activities organised by Barry Communities First

EASTER half-term saw over 100 people taking part in a range of activities with Barry Communities First, including climbing, film and play days.

A group of young people from the Catch-Up Club enjoyed a fun-filled day at Boulders Indoor Climbing Centre in Cardiff, where among other activities, they worked as teams to conquer the walls and use the apparatus safely. For many of the group, it was their first time climbing to such heights!

Along with the Parkside Christian Centre, a number of family days were run, where families enjoyed films including *Willy Wonka* and the

Chocolate Factory, *James and the Giant Peach* and *The Good Dinosaur*.

To celebrate the year of Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, there was also storytelling, face-painting, balloon animals and arts and crafts.

The families thoroughly enjoyed all the activities on offer and thanks go to Sue Foley and Newydd Housing Association for their contribution in making the events a success.

For more information on the Catch-Up Club, Community Cinema and the other projects, visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org, or call 01446 709432. You can also visit their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BarryCommunitiesFirst.

BARRY BOXERS WIN IN CHEPSTOW



TWO Colcot fighters, Billy Johnson and Jake Turnbull, won bouts in Chepstow on Saturday night.

Billy beat Ricky Moffatt and Jake beat Oisín Sheridan, who both fight for Olympic ABC in Mullingar, County Westmeath in the Republic of Ireland.



Latest Barry & District Sports League results

Crib Division 1

Rhoose Social 9, Wyndham Cons 6, Moors Boys 5, West End 10, Liberals 9, West End Runaways 6.

League Table Points:

Wyndham Cons 163, West End 161, Liberals 158, Rhoose Social 156, West End Runaways 152, Cadoxton Cons 138, Moors Boys 137.

Skittles Division 1

Sea View B 6, Barries Boys 1, King William XII 5, Liberals A 2, Allsorts 5, Cambrian Flyers 2, Slammers 2, Rugby Club 5, Liberals C 4½, Rhoose Social B 2½, Rhoosters 4, West End C 3, Rhoose Social C 1, West End D 6.

League Table Points:

Sea View B 105.5, West End D 92, Rugby Club 87.5, Barries Boys 82.5, King William XII 78.5, Allsorts 74.5, Rhoose Social B 74, West End C 74, Rhoose Social A 72, Slammers 68.5, Rhoosters 65, Liberals C 61, Liberals A 60, Rhoose Social C 54, Cambrian Flyers 50.

Snooker Division 1

Savoy A 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3, Rhoose Social C 5, Market Street C 0.

Rhoose Social B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4.

West End C 1, Harbour B 4.

Penarth Cons B 2, Caddy Allstars 3.

League Table Points:

Harbour B 90, Savoy A 87, Cadoxton Cons B 74, Wyndham Cons A 66, West End C 61, *Cadoxton Cons Z 54, Rhoose Social C 45, Caddy Allstars 44, Rhoose Social B 42, Penarth Cons B 41, Market Street C 37.

Snooker Division 2

Cadoxton Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons D 3.

Savoy B 4, Market Street B 1.

Liberators 3, Sully Sports A 2.

Penarth Cons A 4, West End B 1.

Services Social B 2, Wyndham Cons C 3.

League Table Points:

Services Social B 80, Liberators 75, Penarth Cons A 75, Savoy B 72, Market Street B69, Wyndham Cons C64, Cadoxton Cons A55, West End A47, Sully Sports A43, Wyndham Cons D35, West End B 35.

* = Points deducted. All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk; Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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Proposal/Cynnyg:

2016/00378/CAC

Demolition of existing stone outbuilding and replacement with new stone outbuilding to provide open plan office/play room with adjoining open car port

Location:/Lleoliad:

The Old Rectory, Drope Road, Drope, St Georges super Ely

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Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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Repairs to roof, perimeter walkway path and integrated drainage channel. Installation of new heating services. Installation of handrails, tactile paving and painted nosing to external steps

Location:/Lleoliad:

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2016/00311/FUL

Alterations to the existing dwelling, conversion of existing garage with first floor extension over plus single storey entrance porch extension to the front

Location:/Lleoliad:

April Rise, Church Lane, Welsh St. Donats

Listed Building:/

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Dinas denied at the death

Dinas Powys 2
Llanelli Town 3

by PETER KING

THE final three minutes of this game saw Dinas concede two goals and with it, 3 points as well.

Dinas got their passing game going early on and pressed well, but Llanelli soon sailed them and Steve Stone had the first shot which sailed over the Dinas cross bar from 25 yards.

Liam Samual was then fouled and awarded a free kick which he took himself. He hit it well, but it was just wide of James Curtin's left post.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Nicky Bruce took a superb free kick wide on the left from 30 yards which reached midfielder James Marr to clip into the Llanelli net from close range for the opener.

The visitors rallied forcing several corners which were superbly defended by James Bloxham and Paul Caulfield.

Llanelli were content to try and clip long balls over the top for their pacy front men to chase, which on the whole the Dinas back four were coping with well.

The home side began to look dangerous again and good link-up play involving Keiron James and striker Adam Johns ended when Llanelli's keeper Jamie Evans just got to a cross from James first as Johns was closing in.

The visitors were dangerous on the break and a free kick from Steve Stone was headed just over the Dinas bar by their towering centre-half Lee Bevan. But with 38 minutes on the clock they got the equaliser when a cross from the right by Samual was headed home at the far post by Stone, against the run of play.

The half ended with the score still at 1-1.

Dinas started the second half well and a shot in the first minute from Rhys Palmer was only just wide.

This was followed by good work by Scott Muir who beat his marker to square the ball to Johns but his effort was just wide of the right post.

The home side then made their first substitution, James Perret making way for Chris Bramhill.

The visitors were still looking dangerous and Dinas keeper Curtin had to make a good save when Richard Lewis crossed to Samual to shoot on target.

However, it was Dinas who took the lead again 22 minutes into the half when Muir netted from a James cross - giving Evans no chance to save.

The visitors then made two substitutions and Dinas made one, Myles Case replacing the hard-working Muir.

Johns made a fine run down the left but was tackled just as he was about to shoot. Evans then miss-kicked a goal clearance straight to Palmer who fired it back on target but Evans saved.

Palmer was then replaced by Reuben Bryl.

Llanelli were still winning several corners but the Dinas defence were battling hard to keep them out and it was the home side that nearly added to their tally when Bryl found Johns and his shot brought a good save from Evans just under the cross-bar.

Just as it looked as if Dinas had gained the points with three minutes remaining, a cross-field ball found Robert Thomas wide on the left and he lobbed Curtin who could not quite reach his effort to make it 2-2.

Curtin was then called into action to make a fine reaction save from Samual resulting in a corner which was bundled into the net by Steve Stone in the final minute of play to give the visitors the win.

Dinas squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Sam Adamson, 3 James Perret, 4 James Bloxham, 5 Paul Caulfield, 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Rhys Palmer, 8 James Marr (1) (c), 9 Adam Johns, 10 Scott Muir (1), 11 Kieron James (c), 12 Myles Case, 14 Mamadu Banguraso, 15 Reuben Bryl, 16 Chris Bramhill.

Ammanford are the visitors on Saturday, April 16, 2.30pm kick off.

Tim's across-the-card double

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had an across-the-card double on Saturday when he sent Lamool on a 304 mile journey to Sedgfield and Satellite to nearby Chepstow.

Nine-year-old Lamool, the oldest horse in the Nationwide Novice Hurdle race, romped home to a 14 lengths winner under Alan Johns, and at Chepstow his five-year-old Satellite, partnered by Tom Cannon, won the opening novices' hurdle beating the Venitia Williams's One Style.

BRIAN LEE

COWBRIDGE UNDER-15s FIGHT HARD FOR WIN

ON a blustery Sunday afternoon, Cowbridge Under-15s produced their best performance of the season to achieve a hard fought away victory at their local rivals, Pontypridd.

The kick-off was delayed due to the late arrival of the referee, leaving both teams anxious to get the game under way.

With a fierce wind at their backs Ponty applied the early pressure, keeping the ball tight and ploughing into the Cowbridge pack. To be fair to the smaller Cowbridge pack, to a man they stood their ground and tackled their hearts out.

Against the run of play Cowbridge opened the scoring with a breakaway try.

From a scrum going backwards at a rate of knots, Evan Thomas, the Cowbridge 10 managed to get a clearing kick away. The kick was held up in the strong wind catching the Ponty defence off guard.

Jack Dixon the Cowbridge left winger followed the kick like all good wingers should.

Surprisingly, no Ponty defenders went to catch the ball, leaving Dixon to gather the kick and out-pace the Ponty full back to score under the posts. Ioan Williams converted.

Pontypridd U-15s 0 - Cowbridge U-15s 7.

Taking full advantage of the strong wind Ponty pinned Cowbridge inside their 22 for the rest of the first half. Following intense pressure, Ponty finally went over for their first try of the game. A good conversion from wide out levelled the scores.

As the game entered the final stages of the first half, Pontypridd scored a drop kick to ensure they went into half time ahead. As the teams prepared for the second half Cowbridge must have felt pleased to turn around only 10-7 down, given the weather conditions.

However, it was Ponty who scored first in the second half. Some poor tackling from the Cowbridge backs allowed the Ponty backs to create a one on one with the Cowbridge full back. A good side step and hand-off put the Ponty centre under the posts. Pontypridd U-15s 17 - Cowbridge U-15s 7.

Cowbridge then produced their best rugby of the season over the next ten minutes to score three great un-answered tries.

First Evan Thomas went over from close range, after following up on a well rehearsed backs move. I Williams converted: Pontypridd U-15s 17 -

Cowbridge U-15s 14.

With renewed confidence, Cowbridge were soon back in the Pontypridd 22.

From a line-out Cowbridge moved the ball from one side of the pitch to the other and back again, stretching the Ponty defence with each phase of play.

Cowbridge showed excellent patience and fitness to keep recycling the ball and waiting for their opportunity. Cowbridge's third try came from Barty Norton, who not only had put in a fantastic effort in the front row against a much larger front three, but also managed to get around the park, and crashed over to put Cowbridge back into the lead. Pontypridd U-15s 17 - Cowbridge U-15s 19.

Cowbridge were now playing with supreme confidence, keeping the ball for long periods of time, producing phase after phase, tiring the bigger Ponty pack. With the game entering the final stages, Cowbridge once again camped themselves in the Ponty 22.

Following a well worked backs' move, the forwards recycled the ball and I Williams put his backs clear. With some simple hands the backs moved the ball to Dixon who side stepped his opposite number to score his second and Cowbridge's fourth try of the game.

Ponty did not let their heads drop and forced Cowbridge back onto their own line for the last five minutes of the game. However, Cowbridge showed great team spirit to defend their line time after time, holding Ponty up over the line a couple of times to deny them a try.

Ben Jones and Luke Connor won a penalty on their own line after another series of brilliant tackles and hard fought breakdowns.

As the game entered the final minute Ponty ran the ball back, recycled a couple of breakdowns and finally forced themselves over the line wide out on the right.

This was important to make the final conversion as difficult as possible. With the game over, Ponty had the chance to tie the game as they had done in last season's game at the Arms Park.

With the strong wind this was a very difficult conversion, and although the kicker gave the ball every chance the ball slipped past the uprights.

Final score: Pontypridd U-15s 22 - Cowbridge U-15s 24.

Well done boys, you did the club proud: good luck in next week's district tournament. **GJ**

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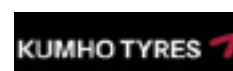
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Hockey club under-13s star in South Wales Cup



ABOVE:
PICTURED:
Penarth Hockey Club's under-13 'B' acquitted themselves well on debut in the South Wales Cup tournament.

RIGHT: Penarth Hockey Club's successful under-13 'A' team with coach Michelle Meddins at the South Wales Cup tournament in Swansea.



PENARTH Hockey Club's burgeoning youth section continued to add gloss to the organisation's 2015-16 season, with two sides performing admirably in the under-13 South Wales Cup.

Penarth 'B'

THE tournament, held at King George V field in Swansea, was the first time this season that the under-13s had managed to put out a 'B' team as some of the boys have only been playing for a month, but they still showed real potential against more experienced opposition.

This was no more evident than in their first match against a very strong Gwent 'B' side, as Penarth managed to soak up a lot of pressure with Kavan Kalsi-Lucas making some tremendous saves in goal.

The whole team performed brilliantly and were rewarded when, with a few minutes to go, Jack Ritchie made a counter attack and saw his shot was deflected into the path of Tom Lumsden, who slotted home to give Penarth an unexpected victory.

Buoyed by their win, the boys then played Whitchurch 'C' but, despite having all the pressure, could not score the crucial breakthrough goal. Josh Warne and younger brother Oscar worked tirelessly in midfield, but could not prevent Whitchurch from scoring against the run of play, handing Penarth a 1-0 defeat.

Despite the setback, Penarth were determined to get back to winning ways against Whitchurch 'B' team. Along with some immense defensive work from Ethan Kneale and Owen Kestle, and a very assured performance from Lumsden, Felix Clarke had his best game for the club, providing excellent service to Ritchie up front, while Josh Warne proved outstandingly brave running out on penalty corners.

Once again, the team was rewarded for its work at the back, as a wonderful reverse stick strike from Ritchie provided the breakthrough on the way to another well-deserved 1-0 win.

Penarth dominated their final group match against Swansea 'B', taking the game to their hosts but with Kestle, Lumsden and Kneale always watchful to cover the breaks.

Oscar Warne came close to scoring but it was big brother Josh who eventually found the all-important touch to seal the victory for Penarth.

Despite three wins from four matches, there would be no further progress for the plucky Penarth side as Gwent, who they had beaten in their opening match, took the group on goal difference.

Although disappointed at not going through to the final, the result was still a tremendous one for a team of players including many who had not played competitive hockey before the weekend.

Penarth 'A'

THE 'A' tournament took place straight after the 'B' team competition, pitting Penarth against Whitchurch in their first match.

The Vale side started slowly and were denied both space and time as Whitchurch kept their shape well.

As a result, there were few attacking opportunities for Penarth, despite some excellent passing from Max Poddar and Lewis Ingram, and Whitchurch underlined

their control by taking the lead before half-time.

Penarth managed to create more chances after the interval, with Elys Johnson just shooting wide, and the Cubs were just starting to open up the Whitchurch defence on a regular basis when the Cardiff side got a lucky break and added a second goal to put the result beyond doubt just before the final whistle.

Penarth needed to recover from their disappointing start in time to take on Abergavenny, but made a nervy start and had Gabriel Pryde to thank for clearing off the line early on. Gradually, however, Penarth took a hold of the game with some super skills from Johnson and Iwan Meddins before both took turns to find the net, Johnson with great composure and Meddins with a cheeky one-handed reaction shot.

Both Ingram and Ross John were proving immense in midfield but, once Penarth had gone 2-0 up, the team seemed to ease off and allowed Abergavenny back into the game with a late goal.

That produced a tense finish, but Penarth managed to cling on to their 2-1 lead with some excellent defending from Pryde and Aaron Noor-Mohamed, with Kalsi-Lucas again making some important saves.

The final group game put the Vale side up against the giants from Bridgend and, despite Penarth looking a much younger team, they did not let the size difference affect them.

Aaron McJennett-House was superb in defence, Ingram took control of the midfield, and Meddins and Johnson again linked up well to create many chances, while John came closest to scoring from a short corner.

The game ended 0-0, but it was enough for Penarth to secure second place in the group and a chance to play Radyr in the knockouts.

The two teams have played several times over the season and, as each encounter has proven to be very close, this was to be no different. The play flowed from end-to-end, with both teams creating chances, but the scoreline remained 0-0 at half-time.

Just as the deadlock suggested penalties, however, Radyr scored with a close range effort. Penarth responded by applying concentrated pressure on their rivals' goal, with Meddins only narrowly missing out on an equaliser, but the Radyr goalkeeper was outstanding on the day and, had it not been for him, the Vale side could have scored several times.

Victory ensured that Radyr went through to the South Wales Finals, but the Penarth boys should be extremely proud of themselves, having played with great skill throughout.

With the entire squad having another year left in the under-13 age-group, any improvement akin to this year's will give them a great chance of making the finals next season.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Local people support the Vale Cricket Club



GLAMORGAN County Cricket Club, local businesses and a number of well-known faces have joined forces with Vale Cricket Club in Corntown, to help the club prepare for the forthcoming season.

Vale CC is a progressive club which has set out an ambitious plan for its future in the form of its '20/20 Vision', which aims to ensure the club's long-term success, and a primary goal is to ensure that the club's facilities are up to scratch.

The event was part of the ECB NatWest Cricket Force project which helps cricket clubs in England and Wales get their facilities rejuvenated and prepared ahead of the new season.

Volunteers, including Jane Hutt, Alun Cairns MP and Glamorgan chief executive Hugh Morris, took on a range of jobs including landscaping and planting, gardening, clearing overgrown areas, fixing the scoreboard, assembling the batting cage, cleaning

and painting the clubhouse.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I was delighted to have the opportunity to support a superb partnership between Glamorgan County Cricket Club and Vale Cricket Club. This scheme is a fantastic example of bringing professional and amateur sport together in the local community through an ever popular sport.

"I am a huge supporter of sport in local communities, particularly through a local club with a clear aim of increasing participation and awareness for youngsters from all communities. Many clubs across Wales have taken part in an initiative that puts an emphasis on improving facilities and helping clubs like Vale Cricket Club grow."

Jane Hutt said: "The Vale Cricket Club event at Corntown was a great success attracting widespread support from the local community alongside Cricket Wales and Glamorgan stars who want to help make the Club a real asset to the community.

"This will help inspire

a new generation of cricket players and enthusiasts in the area and I was delighted to support the 2020 vision and congratulate all those who are working hard to make this a sustainable success."

Gareth Andrews, deputy chair, Vale CC, said: "Vale Cricket Club were delighted to have the support of Glamorgan CCC, Cricket Wales and a number of local companies for their CricketForce weekend.

"Vale CC has ambitious plans and have documented these in our '20/20 Vision'. Year one is focused on improving our clubhouse and playing facilities for members and the local community and so the projects undertaken this weekend will help us to achieve this objective."

Hugh Morris said: "Cricket is one of the most played sports in Wales so it is vital that community facilities are maintained. This is an important issue for all at Glamorgan so we were more than happy to get stuck in helping the club prepare for the season ahead. Cricketforce is one of ECB's most successful schemes and today's event has perfectly demonstrated how professional cricket and private organisations can join forces to support grassroots cricket."

Entering its 15th year, Cricketforce involves tens of thousands of players, members and volunteers coming together to help give back to clubs across England & Wales during the weekend. **MB**

Bridgend Bridge Club latest results

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, April 6: First, Tony Disley and Kevin Maddox; joint second, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; and Vida Halford and Glyn Jenkins.

The winners on handicap were John Henson and David Crompton.

Thursday, April 7: First, Gareth Jenkins and Martin Brawn; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Stuart Davies and Dilys Bowser.

The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Friday, April 8: First, Dave and Debbie Lea; second, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas; third, Ray Smith and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Dave and Debbie Lea.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

Dockers are Re-United with Cup



Tim Johnson presenting the winning captain with the Dockers Cup.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Football League started its Cup Finals last weekend with the traditional curtain raiser, The Dockers Cup.

The recently re-formed Dockers Re-United played Barry Albion at Jenner Park on Sunday, April 10, an entertaining encounter from a top (well, second!) v bottom-of-the-table clash.

Dockers Re-United were the first to score with a goal within the first 10 minutes followed by another eight minutes later.

With five minutes to half time, Barry Albion started a good move from their goalkeeper Robert West which resulted in a goal from Christopher West. At half time, the game was two-one, but the second half saw four unanswered goals from Dockers Re-United to lift the Cup. The six Dockers goals were scored by Chris Bardsley, a brace from Steven Coxon and a hat-trick for Brad O'Loughlin.

The finals will continue for the next six weeks and next weekend there are three finals. The year-7 final will be on Friday, April 15 (kick off 6.15pm) between Cowbridge Town Reds and Porthkerry Panthers.

Sunday, April 17 sees the first double header with the year-11 final in the morning (kick off 10.15am) between Cadoxton Imps Devils and Cadoxton Imps Dragons and then the Supporters Cup (Division 1) final in the afternoon.

Cowbridge under-10s in Morriston try fest



THE Cowbridge under-10 coaches fancied playing out of the region this Sunday, and so arranged an away fixture against Morriston, who we have never played before.

The boys, who were split into two teams so the games could take place concurrently, were excited about playing a different club and it was obvious they were up for the game.

So much so that even our customary slow starts didn't materialise and they all set off at a canter, with both games effectively being over by half time with an absolute try fest.

The forwards made their presence felt, putting in some ferocious tackles and rucking their opponents off the ball,

before off-loading to the hungry backs to run in the tries.

I could mention every person on the squad for how well they played, listing their individual achievements, but that would make for a long report – suffice to say that it was a great team performance.

The overall combined score against the Morriston team 1 was 26 tries to 3, with tries scored by Henry Whitehouse, Henry Davies, Joe Davies, Ioan Phillips, Joe Arntsen (2), Sam Sheppard (2), Harry New (3), Paddy Whitestone (4), Osian Bruce (5) and James Collingridge (6).

Against their team 2, the score was 17 tries to 3. Try scorers Osian (3), James C (3), Paddy (2), Joe D (2), James Lord (2), Joe F (2), Harry, Ioan and Josh Canning. **AL**

Vale Football League weekend round-up

DOCKERS won their namesake cup in the first final of the season.

Dockers Reunited (see report, left) in their first season back in the league thrashed Barry Albion 6-1 in a one-sided Dockers Cup final.

In the Division One's league cup, the Supporters Cup semi-final was won by Barry Belgrade against Cogan 2-1 to book a place in the final against Vale United, a rematch of last season's Dockers Cup final.

In league action, St Athan were victorious 3-0 over AFC Rhose to remain top of the Premier Division. Wenvoe Arms and Cardiff Airport followed up midweek 4-1 wins (over Barry Athletic and Cowbridge Town respectively).

Wenvoe dismantled Dinas Powys Athletic 5-1 while Cardiff Airport overcame Mafons Moving Group 2-0.

Elsewhere, SP Construction secured successive victories as their great escape continues with a fine 2-1 win over Cowbridge Town. Barry Athletic defeated bottom side

Island Marine 2-0.

In Division One, leaders Sully Sports title push suffered a blow as they lost 3-2 to Cadoxton Athletic. Sully sit atop of the division by one point but the teams below have a few games in hand.

FC Pumas notched an impressive 2-1 over Cardiff Airport B, while Cadoxton Barry beat AFC Rhose B 5-2. Tynwydd's title and promotion charge

continued as they defeated Glenbrook 4-3 to move to six points off the top with two games in hand.

There were only two games in Division Two as Cadoxton Imps stayed in touch with the top two with a 3-2 win over Penarth Town B and St Athan B defeated FC Pumas B 7-2 to leapfrog them into sixth.

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PENCOED RUE MISSED CHANCES AGAINST SISTERS



Adam Williams kicks for Pencoed.



Rhys Thomas breaks through.



Ricky Somers tackling for Pencoed.

**Pencoed 16
Seven Sisters 22**
DESPITE Pencoed dominating the opening quarter and creating several chances, it was the visitors who took the lead with a Daniel Norton penalty goal.

Pencoed levelled matters within a minute with a penalty goal from Adam Williams. On 30 minutes, Williams put the home side ahead with a further penalty goal.

Approaching half time, following a close up scrum, the visitors took the lead with a try from No 8 John Hapgood and led 6-8 at the interval.

Early in the second half, home second row Jack Pope turned over lineout possession and the ball was moved wide to left wing Jack Picton, who stepped inside his opposite number before feeding the supporting Morgan Jones, who sped over.

With the match evenly poised Pencoed held on to their 11-8 lead until going into the final seven minutes of normal time before Hapgood got his second try, straightening onto a pass to score at the posts, Norton adding the

conversion for the visitors to lead 11-15.

With the home side now chasing the game in the final minutes and attempting to keep the ball alive metres from their own line, disaster struck and a home error saw the visitors capitalise with Gavin Horton crossing for Norton to convert.

To their credit, the home side fought back to salvage what could be a priceless losing bonus point, counter-attacking through Jones and full back Rhys Thomas, who fed Picton and the wing raced over wide out for a final match scoreline of 16-22.

Pencoed will reflect on a match which could have been won, and indeed scored the two most creative tries of the match. Alas, it was not to be.

For Pencoed, front row forward James Tredray was prominent with his ball carrying, making inroads into the visitors' ranks throughout the match; also young Pope did well with a solid all-round performance.

On Saturday, Pencoed host Builth Wells at the recreation ground, 2.30pm ko.

Match Report: TR.
Match Photos by Julie Hancock.

Pen-y-Bont's indiscipline costs them in Cup semi

SULLY Sports u-18s met Penybont u-18s in the South Wales FA Youth Cup semi-final.

Penybont's hopes of Cup glory were sensationally ended in a game where they were reduced to eight men with a large part of the game still remaining.

Sully started the game well and would have opened the scoring on the eighth minute if it wasn't for a Ben Symons goal line clearance.

Five minutes later, Sully scored that all important first goal through the impressive Will Gale. There were strong appeals from Penybont about whether the ball had fully crossed the line or not but the referee did not see it the same way.

Sully were very dangerous on the counter-attack and Will Gale scored both his and Sully's second goal of the match with a ruthless header.

In between the Sully counterattacks, Penybont were more than competitive but were limited to nothing more than a few half chances that weren't taken.

On the half hour mark, things got even worse for Penybont after Sully scored a third goal as Will Gale completed a vital hat trick to put Sully in control.

Moments later, Penybont were awarded a penalty but Connor James

was denied from the spot by a good save from the Sully goalkeeper.

Sully then capitalised on the penalty miss by scoring a fourth, this time through Will Marsh.

It could not have got any worse for Penybont as disaster struck just before halftime. Arran Williams and Jac Lewis were both shown second yellows, for dissent in a matter of minutes of each other.

The referee was in the limelight again shortly after halftime after he showed Matthew Symons a red card for a tackle on a Sully player.

Evan Denscombe then scored a terrific free kick for the now eight-man Penybont, to make the score 4-1. Denscombe was the one shining light for Penybont throughout as he never gave up and worked tirelessly.

The final 25 minutes of the match were inevitably difficult for Penybont due to the number of players they had on the pitch, and as a consequence conceded a further three goals as they were condemned to a 7-1 defeat.

Overall, Penybont were on the wrong end of several key decisions in a match that didn't warrant three red cards. However, this was no excuse as Sully were good value for the win and deserved the victory on the day.

TOM PROSSER

Tempers flare in the Rhigos mud

Rhigos 0 Porthcawl 10

THE hail and rain that greeted the sides for this end of season match set the tone for a pretty miserable afternoon, where the good rugby was in short supply, with tempers frequently flaring in the final quarter.

The match started in a more positive vein as Porthcawl soon got into their stride with good runs from both Gareth Rees and Joey Jones which threatened the home defence, but both opportunities were lost with poor finishing when in sight of the line.

Rhigos, having languished for so long near the foot of the table, at home were a gritty and determined bunch of boys who made the visitors work hard despite the efforts of the ever-formidable James Burge-Davies on the Porthcawl flank, ably supported by skipper Richard Hnyda.

With very cold temperatures infrequently punctuated by the occasional burst of rather warmer spring sunshine, the lacklustre first half limped to a close with no score, the heavy pitch thwarting efforts by both sides.

The second half saw more errors by both sides. However, when Porthcawl fly-half Ollie Banner opened up the defence with a smart break, what appeared a deliberate knock-on by the Rhigos defence, which went unpunished by a strangely absent

yellow card, prevented a try-scoring opportunity. It did, however, offer Gareth Rees the chance to get something on the board, as he slotted the penalty for nil-3.

Something Porthcawl used to useful effect often during the afternoon was the rolling maul and when the consistent Leon MacNally provided yet another piece of swift possession from his lineout leap, it was skipper Hnyda who benefited from the drive, as the Rhigos pack slid back over their own line.

The try was converted by Rees with a superb kick off the touchline and at nil-10 it seemed that this might provide the thrust that Porthcawl sought to rack up the points.

Jamie Fry came on for the injured Jack Williams at hooker, as Gareth Davies replaced Nick Nutman, to provide fresh legs. Jon Lodwig soon followed as he allowed the impressive Burge-Davies a well-earned rest on the flank, in the final quarter. Yet from there the match descended into bouts of unruly moments, with cheap shots off the ball providing a testing time for an inexperienced referee, who found it hard to cope while being assessed.

The way the match ended was a shame, as it had in parts promised something better, yet sometimes things go that way. For Porthcawl, it simply provided another win on the road and for Rhigos, they have it all to do again as they visit South Road on Saturday, for a final match of the campaign for Porthcawl. Let's hope for a better match to end the season.

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Athletic's commitment is not quite enough

**Bargoed 35
Bridgend Athletic 8
Championship April 9**

HIGH Bargoed revenge on Bridgend Athletic who had dented their ambitions with a last minute try resulting in a 11-7 victory last December at the Bridgend Brewery Field.

The 35-8 bonus point win put Bargoed into the driving seat in their contention with RGC for the fourth promotion place to next season's Premiership.

In contrast, the Athletics' survival could well depend on their result away to fellow strugglers Glynneath on April 30.

Bargoed fielded a giant pack which in the opening stages gave the Athletic a torrid time in the scrums.

They dominated the early stages but were fortuitous with the opening try when a poor pass found itself out to wing Lewis Hudd, who stepped inside the Athletic defence to cross wide out.

From the restart Bargoed knocked the ball forward and were penalised at the resultant scrum.

Lewis Evans kicked the penalty to make the score 5-3.

The Athletic scrum, with props Nicky Boyce and Lewis Davies and Nathan Holman showing good scrummaging technique, were now nullifying the weight advantage of the much bigger Bargoed 8.

Bargoed tried for a pushover try but when they had no joy sent the ball to their backs, and outside half Callum Jones dummied his way past the Athletic defence to extend the home side's lead to 10-3.

The Athletic were now coming back into the game. The pack, with locks Jonathon Stoker and Tom Penry-Ellis carrying well and the ever reliable back row of Ben Howe, Stuart Edbrook and Sean Williams making their presence felt, started to gain parity in possession with the hosts.

Despite having a small pack the Athletic have developed a very potent

driving maul. They won a line out 25 metres out and drove the home side back to within five metres of their try line.

Youth scrum half Dan James broke from the maul, running along the Bargoed back line before spotting a gap and dashing over his first senior try.

The Athletic back division were moving the ball slickly with centres Ryan Owen and Aled Thomas causing problems. Wings Craig Lewis and Jake Williams, and full back Dan Howells, nearly cashed in, but the Bargoed scramble defence held them out for the half to end with the Athletic only trailing by 10-8.

Two long range penalties from Bargoed's outside half soon stretched their lead to 16-8.

Bargoed's backs then started to find some gaps in the Athletic defence which led to a second Lewis Hudd try and also one for centre Lewis Protheroe, both converted by Callum Jones to extend the lead at the hour mark to 30-8.

The Athletic brought on Griff Davies, Lee Murphy, Sam Matthews and coach Gavin Thomas for his Athletic debut.

Despite Bargoed trying all out to increase their lead, the Athletic held out until the final move of the game, seeing no 8 Lewis Weyman touch down from a pushover try.

Nobody could fault the Athletics' commitment, but the semi-professional Bargoed outfit had too much in their locker on the day.

This Saturday, April 16 the Athletic entertain third-placed Pontypool at the Bridgend Brewery Field in a match sponsored by the Athletic Old Boys. It is hoped that a large support turns out to encourage the Athletic in their battle for Championship survival, ahead of what could be a crunch game away to Max Boyce's Glynneath in the Athletics' final match of the season on April 30.

Let's hope a lot of Athletic supporters can say, "I was there", for both these vital games.

Adrian Burt